Euthymius, not being able to **speak** from  
their amazement and fear.

**8.**] **Depart from me, i.e. from my ship.** The speech  
is in exact keeping with the quick discernment, and expression of feeling, of Peter's character. Similar sayings are found Exod. xx. 18, 19; Judg. xiii. 22; 1 Kings xvii. 18; Isa. vi. 5; Dan. x. 17.

This sense of unworthiness and self-loathing is ever  
the effect, in the depths of a heart not  
utterly hardened, of the Divine Power and  
presence. “Below this, is the utterly profane state, in which there is no contrast, no contradiction felt, between the holy and  
the unholy, between God and man. Above  
it, is the state of grace, in which the contradiction is felt, between the deep gulf perceived, which divides between sinful man and an  
holy God,—yet it is felt that this gulf is  
bridged over,—that it is possible for the  
two to meet,—that in One, who is sharer  
with both, they have already been brought together.” Trench on the Miracles. The same writer remarks of the miracle itself,  
“Christ here appears as the *ideal man,* the  
second Adam of the eighth Psalm ; ‘Thou  
madest him to have dominion over the  
works of Thy hands; thou hast put all  
things under His feet . ... the fowl of  
the air, and the fish of the **sea,** and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas’ (vv. 6, 8).”

**10.**] **thou shalt be a catcher of men:**—compare, and indeed  
throughout this miracle, the striking  
parallel, and yet contrast, in John xxi.—  
with its injunction, *‘Feed my lambs,’* *‘Shepherd My sheep,’* given to the same Peter; its net which *did not burst:* and  
the minute and beautiful appropriateness  
of each will be seen: this, at, or near, the  
commencement of the apostolic course;  
that, at how different, and how fitting a  
time!

**12—16.**] HEALING OF A LEPER. Matt.viii. 2—4. Mark i. 40–45. In Matthew  
placed immediately after the Sermon on  
the Mount: in Mark and here, without  
any note of time. See notes on Matthew.

**12.**] **fall of leprosy** (a touch of medical  
accuracy from the beloved physician) implies the soreness of the disease.

**15.**]  
The reason of this is stated in Mark,