



The Gospel of John

Jesus' Post-Resurrection Appearances

John 20-21

John 21:1-14

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“COME AND HAVE SOME BREAKFAST”

Introduction:

I. THE FISHERMEN ON THE SEA (21:1-3)

A. The Disciples (vs. 1-2)

“After these things...”

“Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias”

“Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together”

B. The Decision (vs. 3a)

“Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ ”

C. The Disappointment (vs. 3b)

“We will also come with you.”

“They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.”

II. THE FISHER OF MEN ON THE SHORE (21:4-14)

A. He Called (vs. 4-6a)

“when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach”

“the disciples did not know that it was Jesus”

“Children, you do not have any fish, do you?”

“They answered Him, ‘No.’ ”

“Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch.”

B. The Catch (vs. 6b)

“So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.”

C. They (slowly!) Comprehended (vs. 7-9)

“that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord.’”

“when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on, and threw himself into the sea”

“the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away”

“dragging the net full of fish”

“when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal fire already laid and fish placed on it, and bread”

D. He Communed with Them (vs. 10-14)

“Bring some of the fish which you have now caught.”

“Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three”

“although there were so many, the net was not torn.”

“Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ ”

“None of the disciples ventured to question Him, ‘Who are You?’ knowing that it was the Lord.”

“Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the fish likewise.”

“This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples after He was raised from the dead.”

Conclusion: Lessons from this text...

- 1) Your first need is to trust Jesus as your risen Savior and Lord.
- 2) In doing so, you must realize your own insufficiency and His all-sufficiency.
- 3) You must continue to allow Him to minister to you.
- 4) You must be eager for fellowship with Him.
- 5) You must obey His commands.

Food for Thought:

- 1) How did Peter’s going fishing again fit his personality? What about other details in this story?
- 2) Why didn’t the disciples recognize Jesus on the beach?
- 3) What is significant about Jesus sharing a meal with His disciples here? (How do you “dine with Him”?)
- 4) What special qualities of Jesus do you see in this text?