

Reconciliation, Restoration & Transformation

John 21

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, & 2 other disciples were together.

“I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, & they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out & got into the boat, but that night **they caught nothing**.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” **As soon** as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and **jumped** into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.

He engages and speaks into our everyday lives (v1-8)

- *Welcome His involvement and obey His instruction...*

When they landed, they saw **a fire of burning coals** there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “**Come and have breakfast.**” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

He talks with us and invites us to be with Him & eat with Him (v9-14)

- *Accept His invitation...*
- Revelation 3:20 Here I am ! **I stand at the door and knock.** If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “**Feed my lambs.**”

Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “**Take care of my sheep.**”

The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “**Feed my sheep.**”

He frees us from our guilt & invites us
into His work (v15-17)

- *Face the past, embrace His freedom & begin to serve Him again...*

Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself & went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, & someone else will dress you & lead you where you do not want to go.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them.

When Peter saw him, he asked, “Lord, what about him?” Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, **what is that to you? You must follow me.**”

He invites us to lay down our lives & follow Him (v18-22)

- *Focus on Christ & His call...*
- Hebrews 12:1-2 ...let us run with perseverance **the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the pioneer & perfecter of faith.....