



TITLE: JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES A THIRD TIME

John 21:1-14...Lesson #57

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INTRODUCTION:

- In chapters 19 and 20 we covered the suffering, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
- **Question:** Why did John feel the need to write the things he did in chapter 21?
- **Answer:** One, he knew Jesus had promised his disciples that they would see him again post resurrection.
- Two, John wanted us to know that Jesus loved Peter and still wanted to use him to feed his sheep. (**John 21:15-25**)

1. THE SHORE OF THE SEA OF GALILEE (TIBERIAS)

JOHN 21:1-2

1 Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. 2 Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples.

- Seven of Jesus followers were hanging out together. They were

born again, they had received the Holy Spirit. The one thing they were good at was fishing, so they thought.

- However, after what they had been through they were confused, tired, weary, frustrated, exhausted, and discouraged. They were told to go to the Sea of Galilee by Jesus. They were told occupy till I come.

Mark 14:28

28 But after I am raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there.”

2. THE DISCIPLES IN THE BOAT ARE GOING FISHING

JOHN 21:3-8

3 Simon Peter said, “**I’m going fishing.**”

“**We’ll come, too,**” they all said. So they went out in the boat, but **they caught nothing all night.**

4 At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, **but the disciples couldn’t see who he was.** **5** He called out, “**Fellows,** have you caught any fish?”

“**No,**” they replied.

6 Then he said, “**Throw out your net on the right-hand side** of the boat, and you’ll get some!” So they did, and **they couldn’t haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.**

7 Then **the disciple Jesus loved** said to Peter, “**It’s the Lord!**”

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), **jumped into the water**, and headed to shore. **8** The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, **for they were only about a hundred yards from shore.**

- The best time to fish on the Sea of Galilee was at night. In the

morning you took your fresh fish to the market place to sell.

- The boats at that time were seven and half feet wide and 27 feet long. There was only seven and half feet between success and failure.
- Jesus asked them if they had caught anything, their response was No. They needed to admit their failure to succeed without Him.

John 15:5

5 “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. **For apart from me you can do nothing.**

- Jesus was closer to them than they knew, a hundred yards away, the length of a football field, but they didn't know it.
- It was like when the disciples boat was going to capsize in the storm and Jesus was in the boat with them and they said, **“don’t you care that we perish?”** And all Jesus said was, **“Peace be still.”**

LUKE 5:1-11 JESUS USES A FLOATING PULPIT

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. **2** He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. **3** Stepping into one of the boats, **Jesus asked Simon, its owner,** to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, **“Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.”**

5 “Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. **But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again.”**

6 And **this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear!** **7** A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. **8** When Simon Peter realized what had happened, **he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.”** **9** For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. **10** His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. **Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!”** **11** And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

3.JESUS PREPARED THE “LAST BREAKFAST” FOR HIS DISCIPLES Have you heard of the “Last Supper?”

JOHN 21:9-14

9 *When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.* **10** *“Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus said. **11** So **Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore.** *There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn’t torn.* **12** **“Now come and have some breakfast!” Jesus said.** *None of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.* **13** *Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish.* **14** *This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.**

- Jesus was showing the disciples that he loved them and still cared about meeting their needs and was able to provide for them.
- There are times when we as followers of Christ have to let Jesus

serve us.

- Peter needed to know that Jesus had a higher purpose for him than fishing, in other words, his days of fishing were over. **PETER, YOU WILL BE A FISHER OF MEN! (The Day of Pentecost)**