

Breakfast Served by the King

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Intro:

- The same Jesus who taught them to **wash one another's feet** is now **servicing them breakfast**.
- **Key:** Jesus was not merely teaching us how to act, he was acting out of his eternal nature—The nature to serve!
- In the **story to follow** Jesus is **revealing three things:**
 - Himself,
 - What his nature is like, and
 - What we must become—i.e. a servant.

Text: John 21:1-14 ESV

1 After this **Jesus revealed himself** again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way.

2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together.

3 Simon Peter said to them, '**I am going fishing.**' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night **they caught nothing.**

4 Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet **the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.**

5 Jesus said to them, 'Children, do you have any fish?' They answered him, 'No.'

6 He said to them, '**Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.**' So they cast it, and now they were **not able to haul it in,** because of the quantity of fish.

7 That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, '**It is the Lord!**' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea.

8 The other disciples came in the boat, **dragging the net full of fish,** for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

9 When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with **fish laid out on it,** and bread.

10 Jesus said to them, '**Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.**'

11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, **full of large fish, 153 of them.** And although there were so many, **the net was not torn.**

12 Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord.

13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.

14 This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead."

Life Lessons

1) Jesus Reveals Himself

"**1** After this **Jesus revealed himself** again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way."

Revealed [*phaneroō*]

- 1)** To make manifest or visible or known what has been hidden or unknown, to manifest, whether by words, or deeds, or in any other way.

- 2)** To become known, to be plainly recognized, thoroughly understood as to who and what one is

Key: Jesus must reveal himself to you. No man can reveal him to you.

Key: We can present the facts of Jesus Christ, but we cannot bring you to faith. You must have your own encounter with Jesus Christ.

How Does Jesus Reveal Himself?

- Bible study. [This is the most sure revelation]
- Arrange circumstances that only he can resolve
- Appear in a vision [exceedingly rare]
- Why Visions are rare

Jesus to Thomas: John 20:29 "'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

2) Disciples Returned to the Known

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3 Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’

Notes:

- The disciples had been through lows and highs
 - The power of evil in the Garden
 - Judas’ betrayal
 - Peter’s denial
 - The crucifixion
 - Three hopeless days and nights of despair, followed by . . .
 - The resurrection
 - The appearances
 - The signs:
 - **John 20:30-31**: ESV “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; **31** but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”
- Going back to the known [the familiar] gives us a sense of stability
 - **Vital Quote**: Mountains and valleys are sent to shape the soul so that we transform the mundane for the glory of God.

3) Tough Times Generally Precede Revelations

“**3** Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night **they caught nothing.**”

Notes:

- **We learn best through difficult situations**
 - It’s natural for youth to think they can handle any situation—“Bring it on!”
 - **Key**: Events come to every life that melts self-confidence, crushes the strength of pride and shatters dreams. Those who respond properly will

gain the power of true self-discovery, the wealth of wisdom and the confidence of faith in God.”

- **Key: God engineers circumstances.** When life is not working out for you it is generally because God is working on you. What does he want to change, or reveal, or bring to pass?
- **Key: Sadly, we just call it a bad night and keep fishing, never stopping to look for the divine revelation.** If we do not be still and know that he is God, then he knows how to get us tired and sore enough to listen.

4) The Mysterious Person on Shore

4 Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet **the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.**

Notes:

- God’s deliverance often comes in such common ways that we fail to see the divine hand orchestrating our solution.
- God has prepared someone to guide or help you through every situation of life.
- Can you discern that it is Jesus Christ who is on the shore?

5) Obeying Jesus Brings Abundant Life

5 Jesus said to them, ‘Children, do you have any fish?’ They answered him, ‘No.’

6 He said to them, ‘**Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.**’ So they cast it, and now they were **not able to haul it in,** because of the quantity of fish.

Notes:

- **John 10:10-11** **ESV** “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
- **John 7:37-38** **ESV** On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.

38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'

- The disciples could have ignored the man on the shore,
 - Thinking they knew more
 - They had been at it all night
 - They were tired
- They would have missed the abundant catch
- Jesus was not showing what he can do, he was revealing himself
- Our wholeness is not in what Jesus does for us, but rather the fullness of being "in him."

6) Jesus Always Has a Purpose and a Plan

9 When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread.

Notes:

- Ps 23:5 **ESV** "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."
- Ps 119:105 **ESV** "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
- Psalm 138:8 **ESV** "The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands."
- Key: We cannot experience the risen Lord preparing the way before us if we try to get him to fulfill our purpose and plan.

7) God's Works Stand Firm

10 Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.'

11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn.

Notes:

- 153 big fish @ five pounds each would be 765 pounds.
- 153 big fish @ ten pounds each would be 1,530 pounds.

- The net did not break.
- Jesus created and sustains the worlds.
 - **When God speaks** and the **Son acts** the **impossible will stand** firm in your life.
 - **The net of salvation** that holds you as a child of God will never break, no matter how many are in it.

Call to Action

- **The late Yale history professor, J. Pelikan**: "If Christ is risen, nothing else matters - If Christ is not risen, nothing else matters."
- **Vital Quote**:
Jesus came to earth, died and rose again not to condemn us, but to fill our nets
 - With eternal life
 - With abundant life
 - With a fruitful life
 - With a rewarded life