

4-26-20 ON THE SHORES OF GALILEE John 21:1-19

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way:

² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵ **He called out to them,** "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

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

¹¹ 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.

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

Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ 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."

¹⁶ 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."

¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "**Follow me!**"

TEXT & CONTEXT:

SUMMARY of JOHN 21:

PART 1 --- A wonderful breakfast was had by all!

--- Jesus RESTORES the disciples & reminds them
To be “FISHERS OF SOULS”

- Jesus FOUND THEM
- Jesus HELPED THEM
- Jesus EMBRACED THEM
- Jesus FED THEM

Perhaps recalling them (at least John) that Jesus has asked them before that they should do as Jesus has done. (John 13:15)

PART 2 --- Peter requires a little ‘extra attention’

EACH WAS:

- RESTORED TO RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS and
- RECOMMISSIONED TO BE “FISHERS OF SOULS”

AS WE STAND ON THE SHORES OF OUR GALILEE, JESUS SEEKS US AND EMBRACES US – HE WANTS US TO TRULY REALIZE & EXPERIENCE THE MIRACLE AND POWER OF THE EASTER RESURRECTION.

IS JESUS RECALLING AND RECOMMISSIONING YOU?

IS JESUS ASKING YOU, AS HE ASKED PETER, “DO YOU LOVE ME?”

IS JESUS ASKING YOU TO CARE & FEED HIS SHEEP?

IN WHAT WAYS IS JESUS REMINDING YOU OF YOUR PAST SO THAT YOU MIGHT BE RENEWED & RESTORED IN YOUR PRESENT AND IN YOUR FUTURE?

BOTTOM-LINE: AS JESUS SEEKS YOU ---- BE OPEN TO HIS INVITATION TO RECEIVE & ACCEPT HIS CALL TO FOLLOW HIM & TO BE FISHERS OF SOULS.

IN THIS, I PRAY THAT YOU MAY LIVE YOUR LIFE IN RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS --- LIVING LIFE ABUNDANT & FULL, REGARDLESS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT SWIRL AROUND YOU AND WITHIN YOU.

AND THAT IN REALIZING CHRIST’S LOVE FOR YOU --- AND CALL UPON YOUR LIFE --- THAT YOU MAY LIVE A LIFE THAT IS BEING LIVED WITH:

NO RESERVES

NO RETREATS and

NO REGRETS

DEAR GOD, I pray that I may realize, as John did, the remarkable depth and breadth of your love and your sacrifice for me ... help me to accept your gift of grace, forgiveness, and embrace that I may know the new hope and possibility that you have for me. THANK YOU for opening the door of your heavenly presence in my life & to becoming a child of God (John 1:12). I pray that I may let down the nets of my life and be used by you to fish for souls ... In Jesus’ Mighty Name, AMEN.