

John 21:1-14

1. After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples **at the Sea of Tiberius**, and in this way He showed Himself:

- **John 6:1** "After these things Jesus went over the Sea of _____, which is the _____ of _____."
- **Luke 5:1-2** "Now so it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the _____ of _____, and saw two boats standing by the _____; but the fisherman had gone from them and were washing their nets."

Definition: "The Sea of Tiberius" - This is another name for the Sea of Galilee. Tiberius was the Roman emperor, and obviously, had things re-named for him. The local name for the Sea of Galilee was the Lake of Gennesaret, as it was really a large, inland lake, such as the Great Lakes in Michigan.

2-3. Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, **Nathanael** of Cana in Galilee, **the sons of Zebedee**, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

- **John 1:43-45** "The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and _____. Philip found _____ and said to him, "We have found Him or whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote - Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Definition: "Nathanael" - Nathanael is his Hebrew name, and it means "given by God" or "gift of God." Later, when he is listed with the original twelve disciples of Jesus, he is listed by his **Greek name of Bartholomew**. Jesus gave Simon the name of Peter, and James and John were the sons of Zebedee.

- **Luke 6:13-16** "And when it was day, He called His _____ to Him; and from them He _____ twelve whom He also named _____: Simon, whom He also named _____, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and _____; Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor."

4-7. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "**Cast the net on the right side of the boat**, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. Therefore **that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"** Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

- **Luke 5:4-10** "Now when He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, 'Launch out into the deep, and _____ your nets for a _____.' But Simon answered and said to Him, 'Master, we have toiled all night and caught _____; nevertheless at Your _____ I will let down the _____.' And when they had done this, they caught a _____ number of _____, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the

other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, **'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!'** For he and all who were with him were astonished at the _____ of _____ which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do _____ be _____. From now on you will catch _____.'

Definition: "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" - Peter recognized that it was a miracle that brought so many fish in their nets that the boats even began to sink. His statement to Jesus shows that he recognizes his own unworthiness as a sinner, and he recognizes that Jesus must be the Messiah, or God, or someone very great, to be able to do such a miracle.

- **Mark 4:39-41** "Then He arose and rebuked the _____, and said to the _____, 'Peace, be still!' And the _____ ceased and there was a great calm. But He said to them, 'Why are you so _____? How is it that you have no faith?' And they _____ exceedingly, and said to one another, '_____ can this _____, that even the wind and the sea _____ Him?'"

Definition: "Nevertheless AT YOUR WORD I will let down the net" - We are always blessed **when we OBEY Jesus' WORD**, no matter how illogical His command may seem to us. The disciples told Jesus that they had been fishing all night and caught nothing, so it didn't seem logical that casting the net over the side of the boat one more time would get them any fish. In our lives, **it doesn't always SEEM logical to do what God's WORD says**, but if we go ahead and obey, despite our own thinking ("do not lean on your own understanding" Proverbs 3:5), God will come through for us, and we will be blessed.

- **Matthew 7:24-27** "Therefore, whoever _____ these _____ of Mine, and _____ them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock; and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did _____ fall, for it was founded on the _____. Now everyone who _____ these _____ of Mine, and does _____ do them, will be like a _____ man who built his house on the sand; and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it FELL. And _____ was its _____."
- **James 1:22-25 & 2:18 & 20** "But be _____ of the _____, and not _____ only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a _____ of the _____ and _____ a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and _____ in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a _____ of the work, this one will be _____ in what he does."
- **Proverbs 4:20-21** "My son, give _____ to My _____; incline your ear to My _____, do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your _____. For they are _____ unto those that find them, and _____ to all their flesh."

Definition: "That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" - Remember, this was the way John referred to himself when writing his gospel - he called himself "the disciple whom Jesus loved." So what was it that made John recognize that it was Jesus speaking to them? It was because Jesus **did the same miracle** that He had done on the day He called them to be His disciples, and told them they would be "fishers of men" from now on.

- **Matthew 4:18-19** "Now _____, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a _____ into the sea; for they were _____. And He said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you _____ of _____.'"
- **Mark 1:17** "Then Jesus said to them, 'Come after Me, and I will _____ you become _____ of _____.'"

8-14. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a **fire of coals there, and fish laid on it**, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. **Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast."** Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, 'Who are You?' - Knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This is now **the THIRD time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was RAISED from the DEAD.**

- **Luke 24:37-43** "But they were terrified and _____, and supposed they had seen a _____. And He said to them, 'Why are you troubled? And why do _____ arise in your hearts? Behold My _____ and My _____, that it is I Myself. _____ Me and see, for a _____ does not have _____ and _____ as you see I have.' When He had said this, He showed them His _____ and His _____. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, 'Have you any _____ here?' So they gave Him a piece of a broiled _____ and some honeycomb. And He took it and _____ it in their presence."

Definition: "The third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead" - The two times in the Upper Room, and now here at the Sea of Galilee, are the first three times Jesus appeared to His disciples. Jesus did appear to Mary in the garden, and to some other disciples on the road to Emmaus, but **this is the third time** He appeared to His eleven closest disciples (the twelve, minus Judas).

- **John 20:24-27** "But Thomas, called Didymus, one of the _____, was not with them when _____ came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have _____ the _____." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the _____ of the _____, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days (one week later) His _____ were _____ inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, 'Peace to you!' Then He said to Thomas, 'Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be _____, but believing."

Definition: "A fire of COALS there, and FISH laid on it" - Here we have Jesus preparing a barbeque for His disciples! Where did Jesus get the fish? Remember, Jesus had said to them, "Children, have you any food?" and they answered Him, "No," so we know it wasn't food that the disciples had there already. Perhaps Jesus created the fish right there, just as He had done in the feeding of the 5,000 and the feeding of the 4,000.

- **Mark 8:4-9** "Then His disciples answered Him, 'How can one satisfy these people with _____ here in the wilderness?' He asked them, 'How many _____ do you have?' And they said, 'Seven.' And He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven _____ and gave _____, broke them and gave them to His _____ to set before them; and they set them before the multitude. And they had a _____ small _____; and

having _____ them, He said to set them also before them. So they _____ and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments. Now those who had eaten were about four _____."

- **Mark 8:17-21** "And Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, 'Why do you reason because you have no _____? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your _____ still hardened? Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? When I broke the five _____ for the _____ thousand, how many baskets full of fragments (leftovers) did you take up?' And they said to Him, 'Twelve.' And when I broke the _____ for the _____ thousand, how many large _____ full of fragments did you take up?' And they said, '_____.' So He said to them, 'How is it you do not understand?'