

(1) After this Jesus revealed Himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and He revealed Himself in this way. 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. 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." 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. 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. 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. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 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. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after He was raised from the dead.

Think on these things:

- 1) The "Sea of Tiberias" is the Roman name for what body of water in Israel? See Mark 16:7 and Matthew 28:7. How many disciples went there to go fishing? Why do you think they decided to do this (your best guess)?

The Sea of Tiberias = **The Sea of Galilee**

How many disciples? **7 - Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James and John, and "two" other disciples**

Why go fishing? **Conjecture.... What else should they do --- keep hiding in Jerusalem? They had been kind of in limbo in an unsafe place (Jerusalem). According to Matthew 28:9-10, Mark 16:9-11, and Luke 24:11, Jesus had asked Mary Magdalene to tell the disciples to meet Him in Galilee. And we know that Peter, Andrew, James and John were all fishermen.**

- 2) After fishing through the night, how many fish did they catch with their net (v. 5)? Verse 8 says they were about 100 yards off shore, and verse 4 says they saw a figure on the shoreline but did not recognize Him as Jesus. It's early morning, and the sun is coming up. Do you find it strange that after experiencing poor results for a whole night they would listen to a "stranger" suggest to them to throw their nets on the right side of the boat? Would you have done this?

**'They fished all night and they caught no fishes' (chorus). Yes, it was strange that they would accept a stranger's recommendation to throw the net to the other side of the boat. Personal answers - I doubt if I would have responded this way to the stranger's suggestion.**

3) Who first concluded that it was Jesus on the shore and told Peter?

**v. 7 – John (the disciple whom Jesus loved).**

4) Upon arriving to the shoreline, the disciples found Jesus preparing breakfast for them (v.9). Jesus then asks them to bring some of the catch. What do we learn about the catch of fish? Why do you think we have such an exact number provided, and what does this say about God, numbers and details? (Hint: Even the hairs on your head have been counted! --- Matthew 10:30)

Fish? **There were 153 large fish caught.**

Learn about God? **God cares for all of His creations in this world. Details matter. He knows everything about us as individual people, too --- and --- good news! --- He still loves us.**

5) Verse 14 says this was the third time Jesus appeared to His disciples. Can you recall the previous two times He met with them? Don't be confused. Jesus met with others like Mary Magdalene and the two believers on the road to Emmaus, too, but this statement refers just to His disciples.

Matthew 20:19 – **Resurrection night with all disciples except Thomas.**

Matthew 20:26 – **A week later on Sunday evening with all disciples, including Thomas.**

People and situations I want to pray for this week: