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Fishing with Jesus**

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**Jesus Appears at the Sea of Galilee**

**John 21:1-3** After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias[which is Galilee] ; and on this wise shewed he *himself*. [**2**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-2.htm)There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. [**3**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-3.htm)Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

**After these things is referring to after Jesus revealed Himself to doubting Thomas.**

**John 21:4-8** But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. [**5**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-5.htm)Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. [**6**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-6.htm)And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. [**7**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-7.htm)Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt *his* fisher's coat *unto him*, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea. [**8**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-8.htm)And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.  
  
**Here Jesus instructs in a method of fishing for fish which applies to fishing for men. In the flesh or the natural we miss the catch of fishing for fish or for men, we must follow the Lord’s leading.  
  
Here is another example where Jesus instructed their fishing:  
Luk 5:4-10** *Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. 5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. 6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. 7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. 9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: 10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.*

**John 21:9-14** As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. [**10**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-10.htm)Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. [**11**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-11.htm)Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken. [**12**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-12.htm)Jesus saith unto them, Come *and* dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. [**13**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-13.htm)Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise. [**14**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-14.htm)This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

**Jesus instructed the disciples to bring the fish they have caught then has a fish bbq. Jesus again demonstrates his physicality by eating fish and bread with the disciples proving He was/is not just spirit but in an actual body that was resurrected from the dead that could be handled, eat, biofunction?, speak, hear, and teach.  
  
The three times would have been two times in the upper room and this appearance up to this point. Keep in mind that Jesus continued to teach, live, and eat with them for forty days until His final ascension in Acts 1.**

**Jesus Reinstates Peter  
John 21:15-19**  So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. [**16**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-16.htm)He saith to him again the second time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. [**17**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-17.htm)He saith unto him the third time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

**Peter had sinned by denying Jesus three times, but here is restored as He confesses three times. Jesus instructs Peter three times to feed his sheep. In other words, care for and instruct the sheep that would follow Jesus’ voice after His ascension.**

**It is remarkable that in two of these three questions our Lord uses the verb agape, which signifies to love affectionately, ardently, supremely, perfectly and that Peter always replies, using the verb fileo, which signifies to love, to like, to regard, to feel friendship for another. As if our Lord had said, “Peter, dost thou love me ardently and supremely?” To which he answers, “Lord, I feel an affection for thee - I do esteem thee - but dare, at present, say no more.” In the last question Jesus asks and thus confirms that Peter fileo’s Jesus vs. agape toward his Master.**

**John 21:18-19** Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry *thee* whither thou wouldest not. [**19**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-19.htm)This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

**This passage was fulfilled by the testimony of the traditions of the Apostles that when Peter was put to death, we are told that he requested that he might be crucified with his head downward, saying that he who had denied his Lord as he had done was not worthy to die as Jesus had. This expression of Christ may intimate the readiness of Peter thus to die. Though he was not at liberty as when he was young, though bound by others, yet he freely stretched out his hands on the cross, and was ready to give up his life.**

**Joh 13:36-38** Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards. 37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. 38 Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

**So, first before Peter would truly follow Jesus to the cross, he would deny Him three times…then he would eventually follow.**

**Jesus and the Beloved Apostle  
John 21:20-25** Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? [**21**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-21.htm) Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what *shall* this man *do*? [**22**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-22.htm)Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee? follow thou me. [**23**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-23.htm)Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee? [**24**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-24.htm)This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true. [**25**](http://biblehub.com/john/21-25.htm)And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

**Vs’ 21-23 this simply records the conjecture of the disciples who were supposing that John would not die until Jesus returned. This is a verse preterists will use to explain that Jesus must have returned in 70 AD, which we know could not be true if   
1 Thess 1:6-8 and Jude 14 are true  
  
Vs 25 always makes me ponder how many things Jesus would have done that were not recorded; miracles, words, behaviors, etc. Thankfully, in the wisdom of the Lord He has provided more than adequate instruction for everyone of us to be disciple by the Holy Ghost, and to live in unity and love for His glory.**

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