



THIS IS US

John 21:1-19; 20:30,31

Later Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee...

Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing."

"We'll come, too," they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night. At dawn the disciples saw Jesus standing on the beach, but they couldn't see who he was. He called out, "Friends, have you caught any fish?"

"No," they replied. Then he said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get plenty of fish!" So they did, and they couldn't draw in the net because there were so many fish in it.

Then (John) said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that...he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and swam ashore. The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only out about three hundred feet. When they got there, they saw that a charcoal fire was burning and fish were frying over it, and there was bread.

"Bring some of the fish you've just caught," Jesus said. So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn't torn.

"Now come and have some breakfast!" Jesus said... Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish. This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

After breakfast Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him.

Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you." "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said.

Once more he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was grieved that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know I love you."

Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep... Then Jesus told him, "Follow me."

Jesus' disciples saw him do many other miraculous signs besides the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

I NEED A FRESH START

1. "Your failures don't surprise me

(Jesus) "Peter, the truth is, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." "No!" Peter insisted. "Not even if I have to die with you! I will never deny you!"

"Peter said, 'I swear by God, I don't know this man (Jesus) you're talking about.' And immediately the rooster crowed the second time. (Mark 14:30,31,71)

"At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter..." (Luke 22:61)

2. "Run to me in your pain and shame."

"When Peter heard that (Jesus was on shore)...he jumped into the water, and swam ashore. The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore"

3. "Your failures don't make me love you less."

"(Jesus) called out, 'Friends...'"

(Jesus) "Now come and have some breakfast!..." Then Jesus served them"

4. "Place your confidence in me; not yourself."

"Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get plenty of fish!"

5. "Push past your failure. I am counting on you."

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