

Year C - 3rd Sunday of Easter

John 21:1-14

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



Jesus later appeared to his disciples along the shore of Lake Tiberias. Simon Peter, Thomas the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, and James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, were there, together with two other disciples. Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing!" The others said, "We will go with you." They went out in their boat. But they didn't catch a thing that night.

Early the next morning Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise who he was. Jesus shouted, "Friends, have you caught anything?" "No!" they answered. So he told them, "Let your net down on the right side of your boat, and you will catch some fish." They did, and the net was so full of fish that they could not drag it up into the boat.

Jesus' favourite disciple told Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon heard that it was the Lord, he put on the clothes that he had taken off while he was working. Then he jumped into the water. The boat was only about a hundred yards from shore. So the other disciples stayed in the boat and dragged in the net full of fish.

When the disciples got out of the boat, they saw some bread and a charcoal fire with fish on it. Jesus told his disciples, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." Simon Peter got back into the boat and dragged the net to shore. In it were 153 large fish, but still the net did not rip.

Jesus said, "Come and eat!" But none of the disciples dared ask who he was. They knew he was the Lord. Jesus took the bread in his hands and gave some of it to his disciples. He did the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from death.



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Following Jesus brings great rewards!



Introduction

- In today's gospel, the disciples again encountered the risen Christ.
- Jesus appeared to the disciples while they were fishing but they did not catch any fish, even though this was their job. Jesus helped them to catch 153 large fish, so many fish that they couldn't even haul the net in!
- When Peter realised that the man on the shore was Jesus, he rushed to meet him, leaving the other disciples to drag in the net full of fish.
- When the disciples reached Jesus on the shore, he was preparing a barbie on the beach for them as a sign of his love and friendship.

Message

- The disciples left Jerusalem and went back to Galilee and returned to their old work of fishing. They spent a night fishing but did not catch a single fish.
- Sometimes when our world turns upside down, we can be like the disciples and go back to our old ways of life, to what is familiar and safe.
- But Jesus nourishes and strengthens us through the sacraments so that we can go out and serve the world, giving witness to the good news of Jesus by our actions and words.

Discussion Questions



- I wonder when do you recognise that Jesus is with you?
- I wonder how you can help others to recognise the presence of Jesus?
- I wonder when do we gather and celebrate the presence of Jesus as a community?
- I wonder how you give witness to the good news of Jesus?