

Jesus Appears to the Disciples in Galilee

John 21:1-17



The Story

After rising from the dead and appearing to some of His followers, Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James and John, and two other disciples were there. Peter said to them, "I am going fishing."

They said to him, "We are going with you." They went out and got into the boat. That night they caught no fish. When the morning came, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not know Him. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?"

The disciples answered, "No." Jesus said to them, "Let your net down on the other side of the boat, and you will find some fish." The disciples cast out their nets again. Immediately the nets were so filled with fish that the disciples couldn't even pull them into the boat.

John said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Peter heard that it was Jesus, he jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat (for they were not far from land), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught."

Peter helped drag the net to land. It was full of 153 large fish. Even though there were so many

fish, the net was not broken! Jesus said to the disciples, "Come and eat breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?" because they knew now that He was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and fish and gave it to them.

This was now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead. He was proving to everyone that He was God and had conquered death.

When they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Peter, "Simon Peter, do you love Me more than these others?"

Peter said to Jesus, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

Jesus said to him, "Feed My lambs."

He said to Peter again a second time, "Simon Peter, do you love Me?"

Peter said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

He said to him, "Then tend My sheep."

Then Jesus said to Peter the third time, "Simon Peter, do you love Me?" Peter was sad because Jesus had asked him three times, "Do you love Me?"

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."

Jesus said to him, "Then feed My sheep."

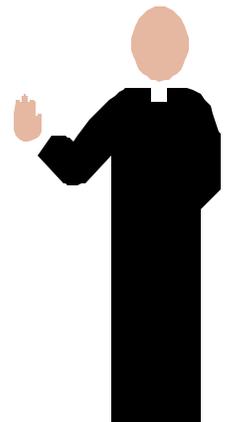
Review - Write the correct word in the blank.

1. The disciples were f_____.
2. J_____ helped them catch many fish.
3. Jesus gave them food to e_____.
4. Jesus asked P_____ three times if he loved Jesus.
5. Jesus said to Peter, "Feed My l_____."
6. We are fed with the words from the B_____.

Word Box

Peter
Bible
Jesus
lambs
fishing
eat

Activity One - Circle the pictures that show ways to tell others about Jesus.



Passage

“The Lord is my shepherd.” Psalm 23:1

Hymn - TLH #428 v. 1

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

Prayer

Jesus,
We thank You for forgiving us our sins and making us lambs in Your flock. Lead us safely home to heaven. Amen.

Activity Two - Color this picture. Then cut it out. It can be made into a magnet, necklace, etc.

