

# POOR DISCIPLES -- POWERFUL GOSPEL

Sunday, April 27, 2025 -- After the Resurrection -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

## JOHN 21:1-14

English Standard Version (ESV)

**1** After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. **2** 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.

**4** 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." **6** 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. **7** 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. **8** 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. **10** Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." **11** 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. **13** Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. **14** This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

## BACKGROUND: The RESURRECTION to the ASCENSION of Jesus -- DAY PERIOD

Matthew chapter 28

Acts 3:15

Romans 6:5; 8:11

Mark chapter 16

1 Corinthians 15:6

1 Timothy 3:16

Luke chapter 24

Hebrews 2:14-15; 13:20;

1 Peter 1:3

John chapters 20 & 21

1 Thessalonians 4:14

Revelation 1:5; 20:11-15

Acts 1:1-11

## THE APPEARANCES of Christ between the RESURRECTION and the ASCENSION:

To Mary Magdalene

John 20:11-12

To Women at the Tomb

Matthew 28:1-6

To Peter

Luke 24:34

To Two Disciples Emmaus Road

Luke 24:13-15

To 10 Apostles (sans Thomas)\*

John 20:19-23

To 11 Apostles (with Thomas)\*

John 20:26-28

To Disciples at the Sea of Galilee\*

John 21:1-23

To the Apostles & 500 brethren

1 Corinthians 15:5-6

To James

1 Corinthians 15:7

To the Apostles at the Ascension

Acts 1:9-11

### ISAIAH 55:8-9 GOD'S GRANDER PLAN

8 'For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways My ways,' declares the Lord.  
9 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are My ways higher than your ways  
and My thoughts than your thoughts.'

## THE SIGNIFICANCE of these APPEARANCES/EVENTS:

- 1) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ His resurrection to His disciples.
- 2) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ with His disciples (after their \_\_\_\_\_).
- 3) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ His disciples for their coming ministry.
- 4) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ His disciples for their work in the Kingdom of God.

**1** After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. **2** 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.

**4** 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." **6** 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. **7** 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. **8** 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. **10** Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." **11** 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. **13** Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. **14** This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

### CONTEXT:

- After Christ's death and resurrection He made occasional appearances to His disciples.
- The Passover festival was over and disciples had returned home to \_\_\_\_\_.

### OBSERVATIONS from the TEXT:

1) See the \_\_\_\_\_ of the disciples. vs 1-4

- A) \_\_\_\_\_ poverty. vs 3
- B) \_\_\_\_\_ poverty. (not in Jerusalem/Rome)
- C) \_\_\_\_\_ poverty. vs 4 & 6
- D) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ poverty. vs 3

#### JOHN 15:4-5

**4** Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. **5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do **nothing**.

2) See the \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ of the disciples. vs 2

- A) \_\_\_\_\_ /impulsive **Peter**. vs 2
- B) \_\_\_\_\_ /deep/artistic **John**. vs 2
- C) \_\_\_\_\_ /doubting **Thomas**. vs 2
- D) little known / \_\_\_\_\_ **others**. vs 2

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-13

**12** For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For in one Spirit we were all baptized into **one body**—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

**1** After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. **2** 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.

**4** 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." **6** 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. **7** 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. **8** 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. **10** Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." **11** 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. **13** Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. **14** This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

## OBSERVATIONS from the TEXT:

3) See the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord — in His Word & Spirit.

A) the power of His \_\_\_\_\_ / presence. vs 1, 4

B) the power of His \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_. vs 5-6

C) the power of His \_\_\_\_\_. vs 9-13

D) the power of His \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_. vs 1 & 14

## IMPLICATIONS & APPLICATIONS:

1) Without Christ we can \_\_\_\_\_ that is eternal.

2) God's people are incredibly \_\_\_\_\_ ... all for His glory and purposes.

3) God's people must learn to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Him.  
When we do, there will be miraculous results and blessing.

4) It is only the power of Christ and His Gospel that can \_\_\_\_\_.

**PASTOR J.C. RYLE**

England (1816-1900)

*God doesn't need all your powerful talents, learned education or great holiness...  
what He needs is someone who **loves Him** and **obeys Him**. With that, He will change the world.*