



**“A Resurrection Breakfast with Jesus”
John 21**

Introduction:

One of the great stories in the Gospels describes the Risen Lord Jesus having breakfast on the beach with a few of His disciples.

I. The Backdrop to the Resurrection Breakfast

John 21:1 “After these things...” e.g. resurrection appearances “Meet me in Galilee...”

John 21:1 “After these things Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias....”

II. The Story of the Resurrection Breakfast

John 21:2 “Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together.”

These disciples were a “... convention of problem children.”

John 21:3 Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will also come with you. They went out and got into the boat...”

John 21:3 “...and that night they caught nothing.”

John 21:4-5 “But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach, yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.” So, Jesus said to them, “Children, you do not have any fish, do you?” They answered Him, “No.”

- **Resurrection Breakfast Lesson #1: Needy people need to admit they need help.**

Matthew 11:28-30 “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

This church is a hospital for sinners; not a club for saints!

John 21:6 And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch...”

Matthew 8:27 “What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

- **Resurrection Breakfast Lesson #2: Creation obeys Jesus, even when we don’t.**

“With just a word I can heal your life!”

John 21:6 “...and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.”

John 21:7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved (i.e. the apostle John) said to Peter, “It is the Lord...”

His heart is not just filled with resurrection faith; his mind is filled with resurrection fact!

John 21:7 “... So, when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped for work) and threw himself into the sea.”

John 21:8 “But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net full of fish.”

- **Resurrection Breakfast Lesson #3: We can't all be seers & jumpers. Somebody has to stay and row the boat to the shore.**

Three Kinds of Followers of Jesus

1. The Visionary Seers – who, like the Apostle John, are the first to point us to the Lord.
2. The Responsive Jumpers - who, like Simon Peter, are the first to jump into action.
3. The Practical Rowers – who, like the other five disciples, stay in the boat and bring it and the net full of fish to shore.

John 21:9-10 “So when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal fire already laid and fish placed on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have now caught.”

- **Resurrection Breakfast Lesson #4: The All-Sufficient Lord, who has no needs, still wants us to bring to His table our limited time, talents and treasures.**

John 21:11 Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.

- **Resurrection Breakfast Lesson #5: We must resist being so busy counting our blessings that we miss the One who gave us those blessings.**

“Come and have breakfast.” (John 21:12)

John 21:12 “...None of the disciples ventured to question Him, ‘Who are You?’ knowing that it was the Lord.”

John 21:13 “Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the fish likewise.”

He is Jehovah Jireh: The God who provides abundantly – i.e. the God of more than enough.”

III. The Point of the Resurrection Breakfast

John 21:14 This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.

- **Resurrection Breakfast Lesson #6: The Risen Lord is still revealing Himself to mankind.**

e.g. God-sightings • Spiritual Attention-Getters • Revelation

Concluding Challenge:

Revelation 3:20 “Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him and he with me.”

John 11:25-26 “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.”

Discussion Questions

1. Do you have a hard time admitting you are needy?
2. In what area of your life do you have the most difficult time obeying Christ?
3. What kind of disciple are you? A Visionary Seer? A Responsive Jumper? A Practical Rower?
4. How did the Risen Lord first reveal Himself to you? When did you first begin to grasp His resurrection power?
5. What did you get most out of this message?