

# Bill & Kipp's Excellent Bible Adventure

John - **Episode 28** - John 21 — Jesus, Fish, and Forgiven Fishermen

## I. Fishing Again

- A. Why do you think the Disciples were out fishing again?
- B. What is the significance, for dating purpose, of John referring to the “Sea of Galilee” as the “Sea of Tiberias?”
- C. Why was casting the net on the right side of the net an odd suggestion?
- D. What is odd about Peter putting on his outer garment to go swim to Jesus?
- E. What are the theories of the meaning of the number 153 in the number of fish?

## II. Recalling the Denial

- A. With Jesus and Peter the only of the disciples in the courtyard of the high priest where there was a charcoal fire, what is the significance of Jesus and Peter being alone again with the smell of charcoal in the air?
- B. How many times did Peter deny Jesus? How many times does Jesus ask if he loves him on the shore that day?
- C. What is the significance of Peter responding to Jesus' question, “Peter, do you love me with God's kind of unconditional love?” with the response, “I love you like a brother.”
- D. What is the significance of Jesus' final words to Peter on the third round of questions, “Then shepherd my flock?” What role does Jesus seem to be handing to Peter?
- E. Why do you think John added this post-script reinstatement of Peter to the end of his original Gospel?
- F. What struggle might a gentile Christian have with the authority of Peter, since they heard the Gospel first from Paul who was less strictly Jewish than Peter?
- G. How does it affect you to think that John and Peter may have been friends from childhood, all the way to death? What friends do you still have that go that far back? What might you write to that persons' children or friends that would have helped them better understand their younger version?

III. What about This One?

- A. Why do you think Peter asks about what will happen to John?
- B. How does Jesus odd response, about whether he would remain until Christ's return, color the long life of John?
- C. How might John be trying to discount rumors that he would never die?