

John 21:1 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon 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.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "**Children, do you have any fish?**" They answered him, "No." ⁶He 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. ⁷That 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. ⁸The 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.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "**Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.**" ¹¹So 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. ¹²Jesus said to them, "**Come and have breakfast.**" Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

BI: The significance of the [reality](#) of bodily resurrection and you.

1. The events of the morning –
2. The reason this story is included in John's gospel –
3. The significance of a minor detail –

Welcome to Grace: It is a joy and a blessing to have us all together in one place worshipping the LORD GOD Almighty. As a church, our goal is to help as many people as possible in the Seattle area to come to know and worship Him. We invite you into this mission and to do so, we write these application questions to help you think about what it means to be a Christian and how to introduce others to Jesus.

Some thoughts to ponder this week from the story about seven disciples seeing Jesus while fishing after Jesus was resurrected: first, this story isn't necessarily about a miracle of catching fish. When Jesus said from the shore, "**Cast the net on the right side of the boat**" – It simply could have been that Jesus saw fish on the other side and guided them where to catch fish.

So, what is the significance of this story? Simply that Jesus appeared to them in bodily form after having been raised from the dead.

This story is interesting but doesn't seem significant; that is until you look at the meaning of the finer details. Take for instance that Jesus had started a charcoal fire. The disciples were accused of seeing a ghost of Jesus, only a spirit, or that they had a vision or a group hallucination. But can a ghost, spirit, vision, or hallucination start a charcoal fire? Can something only immaterial cook breakfast and then hand them bread and fish to eat? Of course not. Only a person bodily raised can do so. What does this prove? That the disciples saw, heard, and physically interacted with the resurrected Christ. And this is eyewitness evidence of the gospel of Jesus. This validates that His sacrifice on the cross defeated sin and resurrection delivers us who live by faith into the loving / eternal arms of GOD the Father. Isn't this good news? Yes, and amen.

Questions: After reading the story, discuss the deeper meaning behind a full net of fish? This seems like a superfluous detail, but it says they caught 153 fish and were able to bring it in without breaking the net. Is there a deeper theological significance? If so, what is it? Discuss and figure out how this might apply to the purpose of church.