

Believe

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John 20:30-31

"Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. **But these are written that you may believe** that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, **and that by believing you may have life** in his name."

John 21:1-11, NLT

"Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples. Simon Peter said, 1 m going fishing.

'We Il come, too," they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.

At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who he was. He called out, 'Fellows, have you caught any fish?"

'No," they replied.

Then he said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!" So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

'Bring some of the fish you've just caught," Jesus said. So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn t torn."

Takeaways:

-Just because we can't see Jesus doesn't mean He isn't here.

-When God has called you to leave the nets and follow Him, you won't find success or satisfaction chasing after fish again.

-The difference between an empty net and full net is not a matter of the water you're in, but in who you allow to direct the placement of your net.

John 21:12a, NLT

"Now come and have some breakfast!" Jesus said."

John 21:15-17, NIV

"When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said,

"Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.""