

Breakfast With Jesus in Paradise (John 21:1-14)

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(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.

Practical Application

1. Jesus reveals Himself to His people. Do you see Him today?
2. Leaders lead others to God and His will or away from it. Lead people faithfully.
3. Life lived apart from Christ will never work as God intended it. Don't even try it.
4. Laboring in your own strength and power won't produce true and lasting productivity and satisfaction. Walk in God's power and fulfillment.
5. Jesus will not leave us to ourselves, but will give us all we need and more. Look to Him for everything.
6. Jesus will meet us where we are with His undeserved grace, mercy, and blessing. Embrace His grace today.
7. God always takes care of His children. Do not worry about your future. Instead, you should worship your God.
8. Follow Jesus' directions and instructions in all you do. What is He telling you to do next? How is He directing you today?
9. God can give you abundance in the same places where you in your own power produced nothing.
10. There is no greater love than the love of Jesus Christ. To be loved by Him changes everything. He loves you.
11. Jesus is Lord. Do you acknowledge His Lordship?
12. When Jesus reveals Himself to you, you will want to tell others about Him. Tell others about Him this week.
13. Passionately seek the Lord with all your heart. Seek Him each and every morning.
14. Your greatest failures won't push Jesus away from you. He can redeem, restore, and renew you in personal ways.
15. The resurrected Christ can make your past setting of failure your future setting of fulfillment.
16. God invites and allows us to be a part of what He is doing in the world. Join Him today.

17. God can protect and preserve you, and all He has given you, in order for you to do what He calls you to do.
18. Have breakfast with Jesus every day. Make time with God your first priority each morning.
19. Enjoy breakfast with Jesus forever in paradise where His blessing and provision will be fully realized and received.

Announcements

1. **Children's AWANA Program and Adult Small Group Bible Study** are on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30. Remember we are now serving dinner to kids on Wednesday nights starting at 6.
2. **New Small Group:** Young Married Couples. Beginning next Sunday (October 1) on campus @ 9am. See Ben and Lindsay Talley for details.
3. **Men's Ministry:** Join us for a Shrimp Boil today following worship (11:45-12:45)!
4. **Youth Event** (6th-12 graders): Join us this year for the Reverb Event on November 17-18. Contact David Barrero, our Youth Minister, for more details.
5. **Food Drive:** Help us feed our community in Jesus' name on October 21 (9-1). If you are available let DonDee Osburn know, or just show up to serve.
6. **Church-wide Potluck Lunch:** Our next Sunday potluck lunch will be on October 29th. Enjoy a time of fellowship around the table with your faith family. Bring a covered dish that is enough to feed your family.