



OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS BEGINS WITH JESUS!

John 21:1, *After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way.*

WHERE IS JESUS BETWEEN APPEARANCES? SOME THEORIES:

- ✳ His is hiding out of public settings in physical locations.
- ✳ He dematerializes and goes about his work on earth.
- ✳ He moves between heaven and earth.

John 21:2-3, *Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. 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.*

HOW ARE WE TO UNDERSTAND THIS FISHING EXPEDITION?

- ✳ It's **Apostasy**
- ✳ They are simply **filling the time**
- ✳ They act out of **necessity**
- ✳ It is **God-directed**
- ✳ The narrative does not show any interest in **WHY** they went fishing but is more concerned with describing **HOW** their fishing went.
- ✳ **John's Focus:** not their decision to fish but their inability to fish without Jesus.

John 21:4-5, *Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No."*

- ✳ **Children** | paidia: child, friends, fellows, lads

John 21:6-7, *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. 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.*

- ✳ **That Disciple Whom Jesus Loved** | John is the first to **discern** the identity of the stranger.
- ✳ **Peter is the first to act** by moving toward Jesus.
- ✳ **John and Peter were both believers and loved the Lord, but they had very different temperaments.** And yet, Jesus called them to be on the same team and pursue the same mission together. Beware of judging other believers who don't see and feel the exact same way you do.

Luke 5:4-8, *And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."*

John 21:8-9, *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. When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread.*

✳ **While the disciples were busy not catching fish**, Jesus prepared a meal for them.

John 15:5, *I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

John 21:10-14, *Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 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. 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. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.*

✳ **None Of The Disciples Dared Ask** | There is a tension in this situation. The disciples somehow know He is Jesus and yet they also want to ask Him for conformation.

✳ **Come And Have Breakfast** | Jesus invites them to stop fishing, striving, and stressing, and just be **WITH** Him for a while.

✳ In this story, **the absence of fish is secondary to the absence of Jesus.**

TWO PRIMARY WAYS TO BE WITH JESUS

✳ **Listening to Him:** the Bible.

✳ **Talking to Him:** Prayer.

1. GET A _____

✳ **Print:** ESV, NASB, NIV, NLT

✳ **Digital Apps:** YouVersion; Accordance Bible Software; Logos

www.youversion.com

www.accordancebible.com

www.logos.com

2. START A _____

✳ **Digital App:** Echo Prayer

www.echoprayer.com

3. MAKE A _____