

The Risen Lord Appears

John 21:1-14

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He is Lord! He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Anonymous

Unifying Principle:

Sometimes life seems humdrum and unproductive. Where can people recognize purpose and direction for their lives? When the disciples followed guidance given by a man on the shore, they recognized it was Jesus who had given the directions, and they joined Him in fellowship.

A Crisis of Faith

John 21:1-4

**Jesus appeared again: (1-3)**

- a. He appeared after the proofs of the resurrection. (1)
- b. He appeared to seven disciples who were together: (2)
- c. Peter went fishing: (3) Why did Peter want to return to his life as a fisherman?
- d. A needed lesson: Self-sufficiency is inadequate.

**Jesus stood on the shore-bodily. (4)**

- a. An immediate presence.
- b. A bodily presence.

A Lesson of Faith

John 21:5-8

**Jesus possessed supernatural knowledge. (5)**

- a. He acted on His supernatural knowledge. (6) The Lord knew they had not caught any fish; it seems he posed the question to point out their inability to accomplish anything on their own. Jesus instructed them to cast their net on the other side (the right side) of the boat.
- b. He was identified by John: “The Lord” (7)
- c. Peter accepted John’s word as proof and He responded.
- d. The other disciples responded and followed. (8)

A Renewal of Faith

John 21:9-14

**Jesus showed the reality of the surroundings. (9)**

- a. The land and fire.
- b. The fish and bread.

**Jesus showed that He could see, speak, hear, and feel. (10-11)**

- a. He instructed the disciples. (10)
- b. Peter obeyed. (11)
- c. The catch of fish was counted. The point John was making was that after a night of fruitless fishing, obedience to the Lord had resulted in a huge catch of large fish.

**Jesus showed that His body was real. (12)**

- a. He invited them to eat.
- b. He was known to be the Lord.
- c. He Himself ate. (13) Jesus distributed the bread and fish to the men.

**Jesus' resurrection was affirmed. (14)**

**Spiritual Thought:** We believe in the resurrection of Christ by faith in what the Bible records.

Principle: Serving Christ in the energy of the flesh alone will bring futility and frustration.

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