



## Dig Deeper Study Guide

### Sermon

Jesus' Resurrection

Appearances:

*"Jesus Shows Up at the Sea of Tiberias"*

John 21:1-14

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Things I want to remember about this sermon...

Monday 4/23/12

John 21:1

John writes that Jesus revealed himself again. That's right, this is the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples. Once wasn't enough perhaps. Maybe there is some truth to "seeing is believing." Three of my grandparents died when I was 12-13 years old. I see pictures of them but sometimes it is hard to actually picture them and remember the details accurately. I miss them. Being with someone is special. Don't take these personal encounters for granted. How is Jesus revealing himself to you?

Tuesday 4/24/12

John 21:2-4

Many of the disciples were fisherman before meeting and following Jesus. So here again we hear how these disciples were on the Sea of Tiberias and they were fishing. Only problem was, they were not catching anything. Skunked. Nothing. When morning came, Jesus stood on the shore but the disciples did not know it was Jesus. I wonder how many times to we encounter Jesus and do not realize it's him. Be aware and take careful notice. Jesus may not be as far off as we often think!

Wednesday 4/25/12

John 21:5-6

Jesus talks to the disciples and asks them if they have anything to eat. Of course, they do not because they didn't catch anything. Then Jesus told them to cast their net on the right side of the boat. When they did they caught so many fish they could hardly handle the heavy nets. Jesus knows everything if we just take the time to listen to him. What do you think Jesus is telling you today? Are you listening carefully? Do you have anything to eat? Are you thankful if you do? Do you remember to give thanks?



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Things to do this week in response to the sermon...

*What do you think of this resurrection appearance of Jesus?*

*What details do you recall from your spiritual journey? Are these details important?*

*Do you always know when the Lord is present in some way in your life?*

Thursday 4/26/12  
John 21:7-8

John writes this sentence in verse 7: "Then that disciple whom Jesus loves said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!'" John is referring to himself in this verse and what a way to refer to himself! Peter, who was naked, according to this story, then grabbed his coat or outer garment and went into the water. Does this make sense to you? Why did he dress himself before going into the water? How do you honor Jesus with what you wear or what you say or how you act?

Friday 4/27/11  
John 21:9-11

Jesus commanded the disciples to bring the fish to him. So Peter brought the net up and it was full of big fish--153 altogether. And even though there were so many the net was not torn. John includes some specific details here in the story. The exact number of fish and the condition of the net all seem important to him; enough for him to write these details down to share with his readers. Do you think details are important in our faith journey? Why? How can specific details be helpful and valuable? Did it really matter how many fish were caught that morning? What details in your life are important? Are you aware of them?

Saturday 4/28/11  
John 21:12-14

Jesus then said, "Come, break fast." Did you get that? Breakfast is breaking a short fast, right? Then Jesus took the bread and the fish and give it to the disciples. Does this sound kinda like Holy Communion to you? Why are meals so important? Not just in the physical sense, but also in the spiritual sense? Are you eating well? Are you eating good spiritual food, too? This was the 3rd time Jesus appeared to the disciples, and remember, he was supposed to be dead, dead and buried!