



# PITWM VERSE BY VERSE

## JOHN 21:1-14

### LESSON: JESUS BY THE SEA OF TIBERIAS — February 27, 2022

#### INTRODUCTION:

**CHAPTER 20:30-31** We find out that John did not include many other signs Jesus did in the presence of the disciples to be written in the Book. But we do know Jesus did them openly and publicly because it says, "*in the presence of His disciples.*" The greatest sign John purposely selected is the sign of the Resurrection. It was selected to lead men to "*believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through believing, they might have life through his Name.*" The great result is life through Jesus' Name!

#### LESSON: I. UNSUCCESSFUL FISHING JOHN 21:1-3

**21:1** After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself. After the unbelief of Thomas and the appearance of Jesus before all the disciples, Jesus showed Himself again to them, this time at the Sea of Tiberias which is the Sea of Galilee where many of Jesus' miracles took place.

**21:2** There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. There were seven of Jesus' disciples who have gathered together at the Sea of Tiberias, whose names were: Peter, Thomas, Nathaniel, the sons of Zebedee are named James and John, and then there are two other unnamed disciples.

**21:3** Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. Simon Peter speaks out and tells all of them that he's going fishing. And of course, by them being fishermen, they also all wanted to go. It seems like at Peter's word they immediately got on the ship. They fished at night because that was the best time to catch fish, but that night they still had not caught anything.

#### II. SUDDEN ABUNDANCE JOHN 21:4-8

**21:4** But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Now its morning and suddenly and unexpectedly Jesus' bodily presence is standing on the shore, but somehow the disciples didn't know that it was He. So, therefore they saw a person standing on the seashore and thought nothing of it. They still didn't recognize it was Jesus.

**21:5** Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. So, Jesus approaches them first by asking them if they had any meat, and they answered, No.

**21:6** And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. The disciples considered the person on the shore speaking to them was a stranger. But Jesus tells the disciples to cast their net



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On the right side of the ship, and that they would find (fish). However, it was something compelling about the stranger's voice that really caused them to obey without any objection. And they did just that, and could hardly draw in the net because of the weight of the fish. There were so many fish in the net.

**21:7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.** It was John who finally recognized the voice of the stranger. He tells Peter, "*It is the Lord*", that is Jesus. And when Peter hears this, he readily girts his fisher's coat (tunic), meaning clothing himself, for he was naked (stripped to the waist), and he jumped into the sea to swim to the shore.

**21:8 And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.** While Peter swam to the shore, the other disciples came in a small ship because they weren't far from land, and they were dragging an abundant amount of fish in their net.

### III. FELLOWSHIP WITH JESUS JOHN 21:9-14

**21:9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.** We know Peter had already reached Jesus, and the other disciples came afterwards onto land seeing a fire of coals with fish laid on it, and bread to eat. Jesus had laid out a feast for them. He was not a figment of their imagination, not a vision, and not a spirit. But, He was in a body just like the body they had always known.

**21:10 Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.** Jesus tells them to bring some of the fish they had caught. He is proving that He could see, speak, hear, and feel, instructing them to gather in some fish.

**21:11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.** Jesus' instruction was obeyed. Peter went out and dragged the net that was full of fish to land. Peter went so far as to even count the fish, discovering the net had held 153 fish. As many fish as it was, the net was not broken.

**21:12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.** Jesus invited them to come and dine with Him, yet no one dared ask Him who He was, for they knew it was the Lord. He was the One who had walked with them and lived with them. The only difference being that He had risen from the dead in a perfected and glorified body.

**21:13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.** Jesus invited them to eat, and He went among them serving the bread and the fish.

**21:14 This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.** Jesus has now appeared before His disciples for the third time since He had risen from the dead.





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## SUMMARY:

<sup>1</sup>Jesus now appears at the Sea of Galilee. Peter, Thomas, Nathaniel, James, John and two other unnamed disciples were together. Peter, the man of action, said he was going fishing, and the other disciples decide to also go with him. They went forth and entered the ship immediately, and that night they fished but caught nothing. No doubt in “their” fishing, they were sincere and worked hard but there were no results (21:1-3).

Jesus stood on the shore, but they didn't know it was Jesus. They didn't have any fish to eat. But that morning Jesus tells the disciples to cast their net on the right side of the ship and they would find fish. They obeyed and now the result was a multitude of fish. Notice the difference when they followed Jesus' direction? They learned that it pays to obey. They caught an abundant number of fish. It was interesting to note that John was the first to realize that the stranger on the shore was the Lord Jesus, and he told Peter. Peter girted his coat and jumped into the water to get to shore to see Jesus. The other disciples came in a small ship because they weren't far from land, and they were dragging a great amount of fish in their net (21:4-8).

They see a fire of coals with fish laid on it, and bread to eat. Jesus tells them to bring some of the fish they had caught, and on the beach, He had laid out a feast preparing breakfast for His disciples. Peter obeyed and began to drag the net to land, full of fish, even to the point of discovering that the net held 153 fish, and was not broken. They ate breakfast with the risen Lord, not even asking who He was! Jesus went around serving the bread and the fish. This was the third time that Jesus appeared to His disciples after He was raised from the dead (21:9-14).

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.family-times.net/commentary/the-need-for-full-obedience/>  
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