

John 21: Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

Introduction:

We have become so accustomed to the story of Jesus that it is easy for us to miss the awe that the disciples no doubt felt in the presence of the resurrected Lord. Indeed, we should not let our familiarity with the story of Jesus blind us to the full ramifications of who He is. He is the incarnate Lord of glory whom we should fear in reverent awe. Let us worship Him this day. (2018, December). Eating Breakfast with Jesus. *Table Talk Magazine*, 42 (No 12), p. 49.

Read Luke 5:1-11 (The account of Jesus calling the first disciples)

How does Peter respond to Jesus in verse 8?

Jesus appears to the disciples (vv.1-8):

“This is more than a reunion, it is a revelation.” (Sinclair Ferguson) How is Jesus revealing himself as the risen Messiah to his disciples?

How did Peter respond when he realized it was Jesus speaking to them (v.7)? How is this different from his response in Luke 5:8? What’s the significance of Peter clothing himself before he jumps into the water?

We see that Peter is eager to be with Jesus despite his failures. Are you eager to be with Jesus? What would it look like for you to run to Jesus with your failures?

Jesus serves (vv.9-14):

How do we see Jesus serving the disciples in this account?

In verse 9 we read that Jesus prepared the meal on a charcoal fire. Why might John have included this detail? (see John 18:18).