

EPISODE NO. 291

John 21:1-13,15-17

Jesus Appeared in Galilee

1 Later, Jesus showed himself again to his followers at Lake Galilee. This is the way he showed himself: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (the one called “The Twin”), Nathanael (the one from the town of Cana in Galilee), the sons of Zebedee, and two more followers were all together. 3 Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing!”

They said to him, “WE are coming with you, too!” They went out and got into a boat. But they caught nothing that night. 4 It was now early in the morning. Jesus stood on the shore, but the followers did NOT know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, “Young men, you haven’t caught anything, have you?”

They answered, “That’s right.”

6 Jesus said to them, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some fish.” They did so. There were so many fish that they were no longer able to pull the net into the boat. 7 Then John said to Peter, “THAT is the Lord Jesus!”

When Simon Peter heard this, he put on his clothes (he was stripped) and he jumped into the lake. 8 They were near the shore, about 100 yards away. The other followers came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish. 9 When they got to shore, they saw hot coals, with some fish and bread cooking on them.

10 Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught.” 11 Simon Peter got into the boat and dragged the net to shore. The net was full of big fish — 153 of them! As many as there were, the net was still NOT torn.

12 Jesus said to them, “Come, have breakfast!” None of the followers dared to ask Jesus, “Who are YOU?” They KNEW that he was the Lord! 13 Jesus went and got some bread and fish. He gave it to them.

Do You Love Me?

15 After they had eaten breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon Bar-Jona, do you love me more than these?”

Peter answered him, “Yes, Lord, YOU know that I like you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

16 Jesus asked Peter the second time, “Simon Bar-Jona, do you love me?”

Peter said to him, “Yes, Lord, YOU know that I like you.”

Jesus said to him, “Be a shepherd to my sheep.”

17 Jesus asked him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you LIKE me?”

Peter was sad, because the third time Jesus asked, “Do you LIKE me?”

Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, YOU know everything. YOU know that I LIKE you!”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep!”