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Stuff Jesus Said: Episode 8
BREAKFAST AT JESUS'
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John 21:1-12 (NASB)

After these things Jesus **manifested** Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested *Himself* in this way. ² Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter *said to them, "I am going fishing." They *said to him, "**We will also come with you.**"

They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.⁴ But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ So Jesus *said to them, "Children, you do not have any fish, do you?" They answered Him, "No." ⁶ And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find *a catch*." So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish. ⁷ Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved *said to Peter, "It is the Lord." So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped *for work*), and threw himself into the sea.

⁸ But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net *full* of fish.⁹ So when they got out on the land, they *saw a charcoal fire *already* laid and fish placed on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus *said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have now caught." ¹¹ Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.

¹² Jesus *said to them, "Come *and* have breakfast." None of the disciples ventured to question Him, "Who are You?" knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus *came and *took the bread and *gave *it* to them, and the fish likewise. ¹⁴ This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.

Big Idea: Jesus wants to prove himself to you within the context of faith.

Proving Jesus

Vs. 1 After these things Jesus "manifested" Himself **again** by the Sea of Galilee.

- After what things?
- Manifested means "to prove".

Peter goes back to what he knows best

Vs. 3 *"I'm going out to fish." "We will go with you."*

- Matthew 4:19 *And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."*
 - We rarely fail alone.
 - How easy it is to return to what we know best as opposed to what is best.

Failure to see Jesus in their midst

- **Vs. 4** *But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples **did not know that it was Jesus.***

Vs. 5 *So Jesus said to them, "Children, you do not have any fish, do you?" They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch." So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.*

- This is what happens when eternity is brought into the equation.

Vs. 7 *Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped for work), and threw himself into the sea.*

- Peter was no longer concerned with walking on water, but rather just getting to Jesus at any cost.

Vs. 11 *Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.*

- After connecting with Jesus on the shore Peter can do by himself what the other 7 disciples could not.

Food for the journey: These questions are a tool for going deeper with a friend over a hot cup of Irish Breakfast tea, your family in the car or in a small group environment.

1. How is your fishing going and what areas of your life are you seeing God manifested?
2. Where in your life have you perhaps gone back to fishing or what you know best because of discouragement or some other challenge?
3. What does it mean to you to cast your nets on the other side of the boat?
4. What do you think Peter experiencing as he swam to Jesus?
5. Peter was able to do by himself what 7 others could not. What does this say to you personally?