

Come and Have Breakfast

Living the Liturgical Year

[John 21: 1-14](#)

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- * What did you hear?
- * What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- * What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

KEY VERSES

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Luke 21:9, 12

REFLECTION

Lakedown could very well be what the first followers of Jesus felt after the whirlwind of their first Easter. After three years of living large with a clear mission, they were likely still trying to answer the question of what to do next. ***When have you felt lost or let down when a mission in your life came to an end? What helped you move on?***

This story, found only in the gospel of John, finds the disciples disappointed in their catch after a routine day at work on the lake. They initially do not recognize Jesus, who is calling to them from the shore, recommending they shift their nets to the other side of the boat. It is the *result* of His instructions – their miraculous catch – that allows them to finally recognize Him. Failure is a wonderful backdrop for miracles and grace, as we see in this text. ***When have your own failures enabled you to experience the miracles and grace of Jesus, or Jesus working through others?***

Peter, overjoyed to see Jesus, jumps into the water to swim to Him on the shore. Interestingly, this passage is just one of two times in the New Testament where we see the word *charcoal*. The smell of the charcoal fire likely triggers a memory for Peter – when he denied Jesus three times in the courtyard of the high priest, after warming himself around a charcoal fire with the other disciples. ***Do you think Peter wondered if the Lord would ever love or trust him again after what he had done? Why do you think Peter felt so overwhelmed with thanks that he jumped out of the boat?***

If you're ever been forgiven deeply, you recognize the power of this kind of love. Sometimes, the failures of our lives are more memorable than our successes. In spite of Peter's failures, the Lord fully restored and used him in incredible ways. ***Think about your worst failure, or a current struggle to love, forgive, or accept Christ's will for you. Where do you need to hear Christ inviting you to "come and have breakfast," reminding you that you don't have to have it all together for Him to use you?***