

The Big Catch

Seven disciples reverted to familiar work: fishing

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias.

It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.

"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you."

So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Jesus came as a stranger with an embarrassing question

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them,

"Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

He said,

"Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Young John identified Jesus and Peter went overboard

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"

As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.

Jesus had a meal ready to share along with their catch

When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them,

"Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast."

None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.



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John 21:6



How does Jesus direct the big catch?

He uses imperfect people who are available
He often gives the spiritual by physical means
Jesus practiced table fellowship; so should we

Questions for us

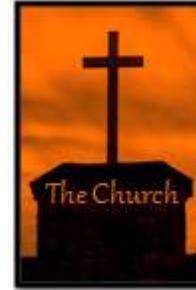
How eager are we to be with Jesus?
Are we looking to identify him to others?
Do we limit where Jesus might show up?

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts to follow hard after you. They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God.
adapted from Psalm 84:5-7

The Commands of Jesus

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.

Portions of Matthew 22:37-38



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