

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus (John 21:1-25)

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Introduction

The Miraculous Catch (21:1-14)

¹ After these *things* Jesus again manifested Himself to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested *Himself* in this way:

² Simon Peter, Thomas (called Twin), Nathanael from Cana of Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together.

³ Simon Peter told them, “I am going fishing.” They told him, “We also are coming with you.” They went and immediately boarded the boat. Yet on that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Now as it already was becoming dawn, Jesus stood on the shore. The disciples, however, did not know that He was Jesus.

⁵ So Jesus said to them, “Little children, you• do not have any fish, *do you*?” They answered Him, “No.”

⁶ He told them, “Cast the net on boat’s starboard side and you• will find *some*.” So they cast and could no longer pull it, because of the multitude of fish.

⁷ So that disciple whom Jesus loved told Peter, “He is the Lord.” When Simon Peter heard, “He is the Lord,” he put on his outer garment (for he was stripped) and plunged into the sea.

⁸ But the other disciples came by boat, dragging the net with fish (for they were not far from land, but only about a hundred yards).

⁹ So when they went out onto land, they saw a charcoal fire, a small fish lying *on it*, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus told them, “Bring• now some of the fish you• caught.”

¹¹ Simon Peter went up and dragged the net ashore, full of large fish— one hundred fifty-three. And although being so many, the net was not torn.

¹² Jesus told them, “Come• and eat breakfast•.” But none of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are You?” because they knew that He was the Lord.

¹³ So Jesus came, took bread, and gave *it* to them, and likewise the fish.

¹⁴ This was now the third *time* Jesus was manifested to His disciples after being raised from *among* the dead ones.

Peter Reinstated (21:15-19)

¹⁵ So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me more than these *men do*?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord, You know that I love You.” He told him, “Feed My lambs.”

¹⁶ A second *time* He again said to him, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?”

He told Him, “Yes, Lord, You know that I love You.”

He told him, “Shepherd My sheep.”

¹⁷ He said to him the third *time*, “Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?”

Peter was grieved, because He said to him the third *time*, “Do you love Me?”

And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all *things*. You know that I love You.”

Jesus told him, “Feed My sheep.”

¹⁸ “Amen amen, I tell you: When you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished. But when you grow old, you will extend your hands and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to *go*.”

¹⁹ Now He said this, signifying by what kind of death he will glorify God. After saying this, He told him, “Follow Me.”

Peter’s Long Proboscis (21:20-23)

²⁰ But turning around Peter saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who had reclined near His chest at the dinner and said, “Lord, who is the *one* betraying You?”

²¹ Upon seeing him, Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, and what *will* he *do*?”

²² Jesus told him, “If I want him to abide until I come, what *is it* to you? Follow Me.”

²³ So this word went out to the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet, Jesus had not told him that he would not die, but, “If I want him to abide until I come, what *is it* to you?”

The Ten Testify that John’s Testimony Is True (21:24-25)

²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies about these *things* and wrote them. Indeed, we (*the other disciples*) know that his testimony is true.

²⁵ And *there* are also many other *things* that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one I suppose that not even the world itself could hold the books that would be written. Amen.

Conclusion