

The Life of the Apostle Peter

Study # 19

Peter's Restoration: Part II - The Catch

(John 21:1-14)

I. The Failure on the Sea (1-3)

A. The Gathering (1-2; Mt. 28:7, 16)

B. The Gloom (3)

1. Peter's Impetuosity

(3A; Lk. 5:11; Mt. 19:27)

2. Peter's Influence (3B)

II. The Friend at the Seaside (4-8)

A. The Coming (4)

B. The Call (5)

C. The Command (6A)

D. The Catch (6B; 15:5)

E. The Comprehension (7-8)

1. The Recognition (by John) (7A)

2. The Reaction (by Peter) (7B-8)

III. The Fellowship on the Shore (9-12)

A. The Coals (9A)

B. The Cooking (9B)

C. The Counting (10-11)

1. The Order (10)

2. The Obedience (11A)

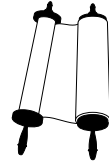
3. The Outcome (11B)

D. The Communion (12-14; Acts 10:41)

CONCLUSION:

What are the lessons that Peter learned?

1. Obedience is still the way to blessing!
2. God can best use those who have come to the end of themselves.
3. When we follow God's plan, blessings will come.
4. Jesus loves us so much that, when we need Him, He initiates the contact.
5. Jesus knows our every need!
6. When we have caught nothing, Jesus' pan is already full!
7. What discouraged believers need most is a fresh encounter with Jesus!



Where is Everyone?

"The Sea of Tiberias" was another name for the Sea of Galilee (John 6:1), and it was to this place the small band of disciples went. In view of the fact that Matthew 28:16 says, "Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain WHERE JESUS HAD APPOINTED THEM," the question has arisen, "What were the seven disciples doing on the beach?" Another has asked, "Why were there only seven disciples when many more had heard the command?" Much discussion has centered in these problems. Pink thinks this was an act of disobedience, a needless manifestation of an impetuous nature. The ever-boisterous Simon was not content to await the Master's coming; he must needs go down to the sea to fish. Others think that since the mountain and the sea were so close together, the opportunity to fish enabled them to obtain food; they were hungry; the events of recent days had kept them moving and hunger necessitated their obtaining supplies from some source. Let us be content in the assumption that possibly both these elements were present when Peter announced his intention of going fishing. It might have been that the other disciples preferred to remain on the hillside. If they had not arrived in Galilee as yet, we do not know what occasioned their delay. The identity of the "two other disciples" has not been revealed. Perhaps the vacancy in the list of names was left that we could sign the record! (Ivor Powell, *John's Wonderful Gospel*)

Cross References

Matthew 28:7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

Matthew 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

Matthew 19:27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

John 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Acts 10:41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

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Shewed (vs. 1) Gk., *phaneroo*. This word never means simply to reveal oneself to the senses. It is to reveal with the purpose of spiritual impact. Obviously, by observing the boldness of the disciples in the book of Acts, we see that Jesus achieved the intent of these appearances. (lkw)

Naked (vs. 7) - Gk., *gymnos*. Not absolutely, but clothed merely in his undergarment or shirt.