

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Did Peter err in going fishing?
2. Why did Jesus ask the disciples if they had any meat?
3. Why didn't the disciples recognize the Lord?
4. Why didn't the Lord bid Peter to walk on the water on this occasion?

SUMMARY:

In this incident Jesus gave three commands. The first was a test of obedience after a night of fruitless toil. The second was to bring in the catch. The third was an invitation to join Him in food and fellowship. He still gives many simple instructions to us for our spiritual and physical benefit.

Is Christ the El Shaddai of your life, the all sufficient One for all your needs, whether temporal or spiritual? He wonderfully demonstrated His tender love and care in this scene on the beach at daybreak. He still demonstrates His all-sufficiency in this twentieth century of complex cares and responsibilities. Yes, He still lovingly cares for us.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #13

June 26, 2005

Second Quarter

CHRIST MINISTERS TO HIS DISCIPLES

LESSON TEXT: *John 21:1-14*

LESSON SETTING: After Jesus' resurrection at the Sea of Tiberias.

TIME: Approximately 33 A.D.

I. HUMAN FAILURE. John 21:1-4

- A. Human Planning (vs. 3) Proverbs 19:21; Luke 12:22; James 4:13
- B. Futile Results (vs. 3) Ecclesiastes 2:11; Isaiah 2:11; Luke 5:5; James 4:14
- C. Did Not Recognize Christ (vs. 4) John 4:10; 9:30

II. DIVINE ASSISTANCE. John 21:5-11

- A. The Guidance of Christ (vs. 6) Mark 10:32; 1 Kings 17:3-4, 9
- B. The Miraculous Catch of Fish (vs. 6) Luke 5:6
- C. The Recognition of Christ (vs. 7) John 4:29; 6:69; 20:28

III. DIVINE PROVISION. John 21:12-14

- A. Jesus Invites Them (vs. 12) Isaiah 55:1; Matthew 22:4; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Revelation 22:17
- B. Jesus Joins Them (vs. 12) Matthew 28:20; Revelation 3:20
- C. Jesus Feeds Them (vs. 13) Matthew 6:32; Philippians 4:19

GOLDEN TEXT: LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD.
Matthew 28:20

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: John 21:15-25

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Psalms 32:1-11; 51:1-19
1 John 2:1-3

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ, the Son of God

TOPIC: CHRIST RESTORES PETER

INTRODUCTION:

Not too many days had passed since Peter had experienced a real crisis in his life. By nature, being a very aggressive individual, he also had the problem of being unusually self-confident.

As Peter was listening to Jesus explain about the events of His suffering in the days ahead, he was aroused to action. No one was going to harm his Master. To prove his point, he drew his sword and cut off the High Priest's servant's ear. Could any man have a greater devotion to his Master than Peter, who was willing to risk his life for Him? (John 13:37-38; 18:10)

Little did bold and self-confident Peter realize that his seemingly insignificant denial of Jesus would be announced by a triumphant crowing of a rooster at the dawning of a new day. (John 18:15-27)

CENTRAL TRUTH: The quality of our love for Christ determines the closeness of our relationship to him.

GOLDEN TEXT: *LOVEST THOU ME MORE THAN THESE?*

John 21:15

For Peter it was indeed a dawning of a new day. He suddenly realized his total inadequacy, secluded himself and wept bitter tears of remorse. (Luke 22:62)

Before Jesus' ascension, the Lord reminded him that true love and faithfulness is demonstrated by more than just idle words. Good intentions are not enough. There must be grace from above to carry them out.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF June 27 – July 3

- M. *Love in Action. John 21:15-25
- T. Love without Pretense. Romans 12:1-9
- W. Love - The Way of Life. 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- T. Love - The Fullness of God. Ephesians 3:14-21
- F. Love - Perfected in Obedience. 1 John 1:1-10
- S. Love - The Basis of Sonship. 1 John 3:1-11
- S. God, the Essence of Love. 1 John 4:7-16