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Main Point : Jesus re-fires his disciples and gets them fishing for men again.....

...Especially Peter, the one who would be the chief leader of the first church.

21:1-8 Back fishing. A breathtaking miracle had happened. The disciples had seen and heard and touched Jesus alive from the dead. But nothing had happened to them yet. So one day Simon Peter says to some of the disciples, "I'm going _____." They all said that they would go too. But fishing was poor and they caught _____. At _____ they saw a man standing on the beach. It was _____ but they couldn't see well enough to recognize him. He called out to them, "_____, have you _____ any fish?" They said _____. He told them to throw their net on the _____ side of the boat and they would get plenty of fish. They got so many they couldn't draw the net in. John remembered a similar incident 3 years earlier and realized it was the Lord doing a fishing miracle a second time. (Luke 5:1-11) He said to Peter "It is the _____." Peter jumped in and swam ashore. The others brought the boat to shore.

POWER FROM ON HIGH. Christians will go back to fishing - life as usual-- unless they are continually being filled with the encouraging and empowering presence of Jesus' Spirit. "Be filled (continually being filled) with the Holy Spirit.-Let the Holy Spirit fill and control you!" Ephesians 5:18 Jesus told his disciples just before he ascended to heaven to the Father's presence "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven." Luke 24:49 That happened on Pentecost--before it happened the brethren prepared themselves praying fervently together.

21:9-14 Fish Fry. Jesus had built a _____ fire. Fish were frying over it and there was some _____ too. Jesus told them to bring over some more fish. Peter got back on the boat and helped pull the nets ashore. There were _____ large fish, and amazingly the nets hadn't _____. Jesus says, "Now _____ and have some _____!" Peter and John had the faith to clearly see that it was Jesus. But the others had clouded minds and sight and were not sure it was him and did not _____ to ask who he was. Jesus served them. This was the _____ time Jesus had appeared to the disciples since he was raised from the dead.

153: There is an exact count here. (1) This was so amazing to the disciples that they counted the fish. It is an illustration of the accuracy of the scriptures. (2) Some say that the number 153 is the number of people (speaking the same language) groups on earth. So the disciples were being called to begin the process of fishing for men that would bring people from every tribe, people and tongue on the earth into the eternal kingdom of God. Acts 1:6-8

REALLY WAS THE LORD? The resurrected Lord Jesus Christ can only be seen by the eyes of faith. A person shared with me

that when her mother died the room was filled with sparking light and joy--Jesus had come to take her mother through the valley of the shadow of death. However, no one else in the room experienced that. In the days after his resurrection Jesus joined two of his disciples walking the road to Emmaus. "But they didn't know who he was, because God kept them from recognizing him." Luke 24:16 They invited him to have the evening meal with them, when he broke bread and gave it to them their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. There is a Christian retreat ministry called "The Road to Emmaus." Their purpose is to help people connect with the living Lord.

21:15-17 Woodshed. After breakfast takes Peter and says, "_____ son of John, do you _____ me more than these other people?" Peter said, "_____, Lord you _____ that I love you. Jesus said, "Then feed with the Good News about me) my _____ (those who will be born into faith in Christ) Again Jesus asks Peter if he loves him and Peter says he does. Jesus says this time "Then _____ of my _____ (the people of the churches). Again Jesus asks Peter "Simon, son of John, do you _____ me?" Peter was _____ that he asked him a _____ time. He replied, "Lord you know _____, (you know the secrets of every human heart), "You know that I love you." Jesus tells him to _____ his sheep."

SIMON SON OF JOHN Jesus changed Peter's name from Simon which means "reed." His nature as the biological son of John was wavering and blowing in the wind. His spiritual nature as the son of Father God was Peter which means "rock." Peter had acted in his old nature when he denied the Master. Jesus reminds him of that by calling him Simon.

THREE TIMES: James says, "Confess your sins to each other that you might be healed." (5:16) James is talking about both physical and emotional healing. (1) Some physical sickness or infirmity is connected to sin. Jesus told the crippled man he healed to now.. go and sin no more that nothing worse happen to you." (2) Relationships with man and God are healed only by coming clean--get a pure heart again. "Confession is good for the soul," as it is said, Peter had a wounded- guilty -shamed soul. He had been weak and faithless. Things that we do to harm other people and our own soul are "buried alive." They have to be exhumed and honestly confessed for a relationship to have trust in it again and for the offender to be free.

LOVE ME? Three times Jesus asks Peter if he loves him the way God loves -- in a self sacrificing love. Jesus uses the word AGAPE. Peter responds three times 'Yes Lord you know that I love you as a friend. Peter uses the word PHILO - meaning friendship love. Peter had no confidence that faced with danger, suffering and possible death that he would be able to AGAPE love the Lord. He had denied the Lord three times before by another charcoal fire in the court yard of the court house. And Jesus was reminding him of that by asking him to

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say he loved him three times as he had said he didn't know the Master three times.

• The last time Jesus asks Peter if he loves him he says, do you PHILO -love me as a brother and friend Peter? Two realities: (1) The Lord accepts us as we are. (2) If we are able to suffer anything and sacrifice all - even one's life for the Master it will because He empowers us by His Spirit. By His grace. The power to live like Jesus would come on Pentecost.

21:18-23 Peter's cross. Jesus tells Peter that when he was young he was able to do as he _____ and go any place he _____ to go. However, when he is _____ he would _____ our his hands and be taken where you don't want to go. Jesus was telling Peter that he would have his hands nailed to a cross and die. Then he gave Peter and empowering command, " _____ " (I empower you to follow me faithfully and courageously from now on.) Peter wanted to know what was going to be the destiny of the disciple who was able to _____ more intimately (John) ...who had asked at the Last Supper which one of them would _____ the Master. Jesus tells Peter that that was none of his business. If John were to live till he _____, what is that to you. Your responsibility is to _____ me wherever I lead you. This strange comment caused a rumor to spread among the disciples that John wouldn't _____ but be alive when Jesus came back. **21:24-25 So much** : John was an eyewitness. He saw all these events and recorded them. " *And I suppose that if _____ the other things Jesus _____ where written down, the _____ world could not contain the books."*

What Does This Scripture Say To You? _____