



BOOK *of* JOHN

# ***BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH***

## ***JOHN 21:1-14***

The worst day fishing ever . . . or so they thought.

- Most of us would conclude that John completed his book with the dramatic testimony of Thomas.
- Jesus came to restore, and no one needed that more than Peter.
- From their limited perspective, they had given up the last three years of their lives to follow Jesus, the Messiah, and now He was gone.

***They thought: What do we do now?***

## ***LET'S JUST GO FISHING***

The enemy plays on our lack of faith, fears, and the uncertainties in our lives.

- It's so bad they can't even catch one fish.
- **AND THEN CAME THE MORNING.** *Hey, you guys got anything to eat? No, of course not.*
- Even after they fell asleep when asked to pray, denied their Savior, and ran away scared, Jesus was there to comfort and cook for them. He is faithful even when we are faithless. **2 Tim. 2:13**

## ***WAITING AND WORKING***

- The disciples never knew when Jesus would appear, so they had to stay alert . . . and so do we.
- The fact that He may return for His people today ought to keep us on our toes!
- The message here is: Don't sit around idle. Get busy; do what you know to do and look for Jesus!
- Perhaps they had forgotten the Lord's words, "*For without Me, you can do nothing.*" **John 15:5**

## ***RELEARNING OLD LESSONS***

- Certainly, Peter must have remembered what happened two years before, when Jesus called him into full-time discipleship. **Luke 5:1-11**
- Perhaps Peter's impulsiveness and self-confidence were revealing themselves again.
- If we are serving without direction from the Lord, we cannot expect blessing from the Lord.

***Are we seeing Jesus? Are others seeing Jesus in us?***

## ***SECRETS TO CATCHING FISH***

- Perhaps we can see in these two “*fishing miracles*” an illustration of how the Lord helps His people fish for lost souls. Fishermen fishing for men!
- Jesus is the Creator God—the real Fishing Guide.  
**Col. 1:15-17**
- The fish are His—the water is His—the boat was His—Peter was His—we are His—all creation is His.  
***He knows where we should be throwing our nets.***

## ***SOME LESSONS FROM THE BEACH***

***This is often the way the Lord works in our lives:***

- 1. *“Push out a little from the land” — get out of your comfort zone.***
  - 2. *“Launch out into the deep” — take a step of faith.***
  - 3. *“Let down your nets” — let your faith begin to work.***
- Jesus had bigger plans for Peter . . . ***He does for each of us, too,*** if we let go of our own flesh and power.
  - His way we will do more catching than fishing!