

*"Life This Side of Easter"*

John 21:1-14

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<sup>30</sup> Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, & that by believing you may have life in his name.

*John 20:30-31 NIV84*

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<sup>1</sup> Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, & two other disciples were together.

*John 21:1-2 NIV84*

***Jesus precedes us wherever we go.***

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<sup>3</sup> "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, & they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out & got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered.

*John 21:3-5 NIV84*

***Jesus meets us in our sin, weakness, & failures.***

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<sup>6</sup> He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat & you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. <sup>7</sup> Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) & jumped into the water. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. <sup>9</sup> When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, & some bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

*John 21:6-10 NIV84*

***Jesus is known to us through his commands & promises.***

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<sup>11</sup> Simon Peter climbed aboard & dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come & have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread & gave it to them, & did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

*John 21:11-14 NIV84*

***Jesus keeps us in relationship to himself & others.***

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All four of these truths demonstrate that in life this side of Easter,  
***Jesus calls, equips, & sends us in his name.***

*John 21:15-25*