

RESURRECTION AND RESTORATION

December 30, 2018 John 21:9-17 by Bob Branch
Experiencing the Passion of Jesus, part 12

BIG IDEA: This Risen Jesus brings restoration wherever he goes—he sets things right.

1. In Jesus, there is RESTORATION—from all our sins, past failures, sins of others...

⁹ When they got out on land, they saw a **charcoal fire** ^(18:18) in place, with **fish** laid out on it, and **bread**. ^(6:9) ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, **full of large fish**, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ^(Lk. 5:1-11) ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the **bread** and gave it to them, and so with the **fish**. ¹⁴ This was now the **third time** that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Flashbacks...

2. Jesus will take us BACK to move us FORWARD.

“Peter is unable to enjoy the reality of a bright future and a new present because of a haunting past... Being held back from the fullness of the new life in Jesus because of an unfinished past... Jesus appears on that beach to set Peter free.”

“forgetting what lies behind” **Philippians 3:13**

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

¹⁶ He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.”

¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

3 Denials. 3 Questions. 3 Calls to love. 3 Recommissions.

“I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven...”

Matthew 16:18-19

“Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.” **Matthew 10:32-33** ESV

3. Jesus restores us to LOVE.

“God is love,” **1 John 4:7-8**

Agape is self-giving, other-oriented love.

Phileo is brotherly affection, love shared between friends.

“‘Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.’ This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’” **Matthew 22:37-39**
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