



The Miraculous Catch

John 21:1-14

A. The First Two Arrivals to the Disciples

1. The first appearance was missional and empowerment.

“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.’ And with that He breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’” John 20:19-22 (NIV)

2. The second appearance was to cure doubt.

“A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ Then He said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe.’ Thomas said to Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Then Jesus told him, ‘Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’” John 20:26-29 (NIV)

3. The written appearances are for us too.

“Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.” John 20:30-31 (NIV)

B. The Third Arrival to the Disciples

1. It started with Peter going fishing.

“Afterward Jesus appeared again to His disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ‘I’m going out to fish,’ Simon Peter told them, and they said, ‘We’ll go with you.’ So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.” John 21:1-3 (NIV)

2. Then came the spotter on the shore.

“Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.” John 21:4 (NIV)

3. Then came the catch and the belief.

“He called out to them, ‘Friends, haven’t you any fish?’ ‘No,’ they answered. He said, ‘Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.’ When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. 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) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.” John 21:5-8 (NIV)

4. Then came the obedient Peter.

“When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, ‘Bring

some of the fish you have just caught.’ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.” John 21:9-11 (NIV)

5. It continued with breakfast.

“Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ None of the disciples dared ask Him, ‘Who are you?’ They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.” John 21:12-14 (NIV)

C. The Arrival of Jesus in Our Everyday

1. Our perspective fails when we rely on our own perspective and not the perspective of the spotter on the shore.

“The difference is not between right and left, but between working with or without divine guidance.” Charles Spurgeon

2. Our obedience precedes our fruit.

3. Our catch of fish adds to the menu, not makes the menu.

4. Jesus makes it clear that we can believe the impossible: Jesus is God with us!

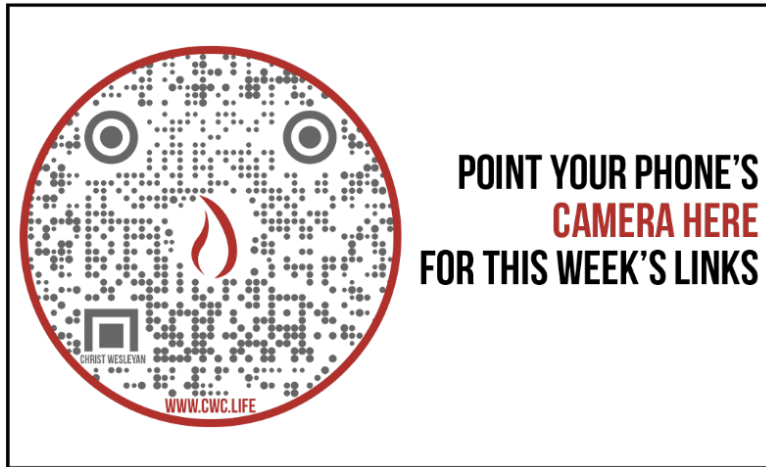
Bottom Line:

The Spotter on the shore is still calling us to more.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...
Text: IChooseJesus (*all one word*) to 570-273-0088
Next Sunday:

Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel

Week 4: EASTER! The Reinstatement
Peter: Tested. True. Transformed.
A deep dive look at the life of St. Peter.



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 54.9% of goal

Giving year to date: 82.5% of goal

Attendance last Sunday: 2,022

Salvations to date: 205 | Baptisms to date: 110

Upcoming Happenings:

February 20-March 30 – 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting begins.

March 29-31 – Easter Weekend:

Milton Campus

March 29 – Good Friday Service 7p

March 30 – Saturday Night Easter Service 6:00p

March 31 – Easter Sunday 6:30a, 9a and 10:45a

Sunbury Campus:

March 31 – Easter Sunday 9a and 11a

April 7 – Baptism Sunday!

April 7 – Membership Class 12:30p

Notetakers are History Makers