

The Great Reality of Jesus' Resurrection Body

John 21:01–14

<p>1. <i>Jesus appeared again</i></p> <p>a. He appeared after the proofs of the resurrection, (see 20:1-31)</p> <p>b. He appeared to seven disciples who were together: Hiding for fear of the authorities</p> <p>c. Peter went fishing: To meet the need for food</p> <p>d. A needed lesson: Self-sufficiency is inadequate — must know and depend upon the risen Lord</p>	<p>1 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way:</p> <p>2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.</p> <p>3 “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.</p>
<p>2. <i>Jesus stood on the shore</i> — <i>bodily</i></p> <p>a. An immediate presence</p> <p>b. A bodily presence</p>	<p>4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.</p>
<p>3. <i>Jesus possessed supernatural knowledge</i></p> <p>a. He acted on His supernatural knowledge</p> <p>b. He was identified by John: “The Lord”</p> <p>c. Peter accepted John’s word as proof and He responded</p>	<p>5 He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered.</p> <p>6 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.</p> <p>7 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.</p>

<p>d. The other disciples responded and followed</p> <p>4. <i>Jesus showed the reality of the surroundings</i></p> <p>a. The land and fire</p> <p>b. The fish and bread</p> <p>5. <i>Jesus showed that He could see, speak, hear and feel</i></p> <p>a. He instructed the disciples</p> <p>b. Peter obeyed</p> <p>c. The catch of fish was counted</p> <p>6. <i>Jesus showed that His body was real</i></p> <p>a. He invited them to eat</p> <p>b. He was known to be the Lord</p> <p>c. He Himself ate</p> <p>7. <i>Conclusion: Jesus' resurrection was affirmed</i></p>	<p>8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.</p> <p>9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.</p> <p>10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."</p> <p>11 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.</p> <p>12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.</p> <p>13 Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.</p> <p>14 This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.</p>
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The Great Question About a Disciple's Love and Devotion

John 21:15–17

**1. *After the meal,*
*Jesus focused on Peter***

**2. *Do you love me*
*more than these?***

- a. Pointed to the disciples
- b. Pointed to the fishing equipment (Peter's business)
- c. Charge 1: Feed my lambs

**3. *Do you love me with God's love*
— love me enough
*to feed my people?***

- a. God's love (agapao, sacrificial)
- b. Peter's love (phileo, brotherly)
- c. Charge 2: Feed my sheep

**4. *Do you love me*
as a loyal brother —
love me with agape love
*or phileo love?***

- a. The Lord's question:
Do you really love me
as a brother (phileo)?
- b. Peter's strong declaration:
Jesus knew
that he loved Him
as a brother
- c. Charge 3: Feed my sheep

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

16 Again Jesus said,
“Simon son of John,
do you truly love me?”
He answered. “Yes, Lord,
you know that I love you.”
Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

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

Event 8: The Great Call to Total Commitment

John 21:18–25

1. *Total commitment demands following the leadership of another (the Holy Spirit)*

- a. When young:
Peter walked and did as he willed
- b. When old:
Another would lead Peter where he would not choose

2. *Total commitment demands the cross – death to self: “Follow me”*

3. *Total commitment demands undivided attention to one’s own task*

- a. Peter questioned John’s task
- b. Jesus rebuked Peter
- c. Jesus again challenged Peter to follow Him
- d. John corrected the rumour that started later because of this event

18 “I tell you the truth,
when you were younger you dressed yourself
and went where you wanted;
but when you are old
you will stretch out your hands,
and someone else will dress you
and lead you where you do not want to go.”

19 Jesus said this
to indicate the kind of death
by which Peter would glorify God.
Then he said to him,
“Follow me!”

20 Peter turned and saw
that the disciple whom Jesus loved
was following them.
(This was the one
who had leaned back against Jesus
at the supper and had said,
“Lord, who is going to betray you?”)

21 When Peter saw him, he asked,
“Lord, what about him?”

22 Jesus answered,
“If I want him to remain alive until I return,
what is that to you?
You must follow me.”

23 Because of this,
the rumour spread among the brothers
that this disciple would not die.
But Jesus did not say that he would not die:
he only said,
“If I want him to remain alive until I return,
what is that to you?”

<p>4. <i>Total commitment demands bearing witness to Christ</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. John bore witness b. John's witness was true c. John's witness includes only a few of the things that Jesus did 	<p>24 This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true.</p> <p>25 Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.</p>
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