

John 21 New International Version (NIV)

Breakfast by the Sea

21 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way:

Simon Peter, Thomas, 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.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus.

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.

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.

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.

Breakfast by the Sea Worksheet

I hope you enjoyed the reading, from John's Gospel.

Did you notice that the disciples didn't catch anything in their nets? But then Jesus appears by the seaside and tells them where to put their nets.

Then they have this enormous catch of fish.

Then they have breakfast together on the beach.

Now are you ready to discuss what you read? Let's have a go then!

What things in the story interested you? **Perhaps you can say or write down 3 things:**

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2)	 	 	 	 .
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How long were the disciples fishing? Tick the correct answer:

- 1) 3 hours
- 2) Until midnight (then they went home?)
- 3) All night and until the morning, when Jesus showed up.

But they didn't catch anything did they - <u>until</u> Jesus told them where to put their nets?

Okay. How did Jesus know where the fishes were. Now tick one answer:

- 1) Because he had good fisherman skills
- 2) Because he could see the fish under the water
- 3) Because he was a miracle-worker?

Next, did you notice that Jesus had a BBQ going, with fish and bread on it for their breakfast? Yes! and that was **even before** the disciples brought the fish, they had just caught.

Now think a bit - have you ever had bread and freshly grilled fish for breakfast? Maybe you have had a grilled kipper for breakfast - lovely. Or do you prefer toast and cereals?

Well, there might be other things in the story you find interesting.

Take some time to think about the story. You can talk to your teachers, family and friends about it.

Do you remember what I told you before?

Even the most ordinary things in life we do, becomes extra-ordinary and extra-special, when Jesus shows up.

Well, boys and girls, it's been great to be with you, for your assembly this morning- have a great day.