



Title | Preparing for a New Normal
Series | Now I See
Text | John 21:1-25
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Sermon Notes

John 21:1 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." 6 He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. 8 The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. 9 When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. 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. 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. *ESV*

Big Idea:

John 21:10
Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."
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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

Read John 21:1-25. In what ways are the disciples facing a new normal? How have things changed for them? What things are uncertain? How is their situation similar to ours?

Tuesday:

Reread John 21:1-8. This is sometimes called the second miraculous catch. The first miraculous catch occurred several years earlier and is recorded in Luke 5:1-10. Why is Jesus orchestrating a replay of this event for the disciples? What does he want them to learn?

Wednesday:

Reread John 21:9-14. Compare this with an earlier event recorded in John 6:1-14 where Jesus also distributed bread and fish. What is the connection? What does Jesus want them to learn?

Thursday:

Reread John 21:15-17. Compare this with Mark 14:27-31. In John 21:15-17, why does Jesus repeat the same question three times? Why does he issue the same command three times? What does he want to teach Peter and the others? What stories can you tell from your own life that point up the need to rely on Jesus and not yourself?

Friday:

Reread John 21:18-23. Why do you think Peter compares himself to John? How does Jesus respond to such comparison? How does this apply to us?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me today to rely on you, not my own way. Help me to see how I may be comparing myself to others, and help me to focus instead on following you. Amen.