

## “Gone Fishing”

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### **Read John 21:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>After this, Jesus showed Himself again to His disciples at the Sea of Galilee, manifesting Himself in this way:

<sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the two sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples, were all together.

<sup>3</sup>Simon Peter then said to them, “I am going fishing.”

And they answered and said to him, “We will come with you.” So, they went, and got into the boat. But all that night, they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>When morning was breaking, Jesus was standing on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup>Jesus called and said to them, “Friends, you do not have any fish, do you?”

They answered Him, “No.”

<sup>6</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Cast your net on the right side of the boat, and you will find a catch.” So they cast their net. When they did, they were not able to bring it back in, because of the large number of fish in the net. <sup>7</sup>Therefore the disciple whom Jesus loved, said to Peter, “It is the Lord.”

When Simon Peter heard this, he put his outer garment on, for he had taken it off, and threw himself into the water to go to shore.

<sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in on the boat, dragging their net full of fish, for they were not very far from the land, one hundred yards away. <sup>9</sup>When they got out on the shore, they saw a charcoal fire burning coals and fish placed there with bread.

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have caught.” <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went forth and drew the net to the shore. And there were one hundred and fifty-three large fish. Although there were so many fish, the net did not break.

<sup>12</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Come here now, and dine”.

## Study Questions

1. Pastor set up this passage as the 2nd Miracle of the Great Catch of Fish.  
Read John 21:1-12 and jot down the main events in your own words.
2. Now read Luke 5:1-11, which was the First Miracle of the Great Catch of Fish. Jot down the main events in your own words.
3. Compare the 2 events. What differences stand out? With the nets not breaking — even with 153 large fish — what did this symbolize concerning the work the disciples would now do when “fishing for men”? When had they “broken” earlier?
4. Dining with the resurrected Jesus set the new normal — that future ministry for Jesus was actually going to be based on fellowship with Jesus. Does this demonstrate the Law or the Gospel? Why is this story — hailing back to the first great catch — such a good way to end this book?
5. This being the final message in this series, what has been the most salient lesson for your own life?