

JOHN 21 vs 1

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The ancients tell us, John lived the longest of the 12 disciples; the original followers of the Lord; **eye-witnesses to Jesus Christ**.

Some bible scholars have speculated that this 21st chapter is actually a footnote written by John... to help answer, why he was living so long; the 1st century church mistakenly thought Jesus would return soon... only to discover there was an entire world... that the Lord God wanted to share His good news with; and John writes...

¹ After these things, Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias / better known as the sea of Galilee;

and this is how He showed Himself:

² There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called The Twin / well, that's good! Thomas actually got himself together and caught up with Peter,

and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee / he is the one who years earlier had skeptically wondered, **Can anything good come from Nazareth?** Apparently, he found that answer,

and the sons of Zebedee / James and John,

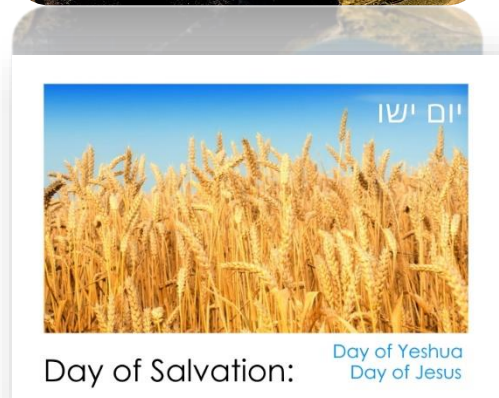
and two others of His disciples / those supposed to be doing the math. And it's a little curious, only 7 disciples are mentioned. What's that all about? Did some miss the memo? Or miss the bus? Obviously, Jesus is on the move... and He is pleased to meet in small groups; even where 2 or 3 gather in His name.

³ Simon Peter said to them, I go / it is a word Jesus often used; He last used this word when He said, I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, you may be with Me also!

Peter says I go a fishing / to these 6 guys... not a surprise! To Peter, I bet it was the next best thing to heaven!

They said to him, We also will go with you / and they all hopped in the boat, together.

So they went out, and got in a little boat; and that night they caught nothing / the big Zero! experts that they were!



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⁴ But when morning came, Jesus stood on the seashore: but the disciples / those 7 men supposedly putting it all together... did not know that it was Jesus.

⁵ Then Jesus shouted to them, Children!

Do you have any food? / have you caught any fish?

They answered Him, No!

⁶ And He shouted to them, Throw your net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some,



So, they threw their net... and now they were not able to drag it / into the boat...because of the massive amount of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, It is the Lord / John recognized Him first.

Now when Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea / Peter at once jumped into the lake; and started swimming to shore! One thing about Peter: He actually did love being around Jesus!

⁸ And the other disciples came in the little boat; for they were not far from land, about a hundred yards from shore, dragging the net of fish / they were less than the length of a football field.



⁹ As soon as they came to land, they saw charcoals burning on the fire, and fish laid on it / the same little fish they fed the 5,000, little fish on the barbeque, and bread / it makes you hungry, doesn't it?!

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, Bring the fish that you caught.

¹¹ Simon Peter went up, and helped drag the net to shore, full of 153 large fish: and for all that there were, yet the net was **not broken. / and why were there 153? What's that all about?**

¹² Jesus said to them, Come and eat. And none of the disciples asked Him, Who are You? knowing it was the Lord / I'm sure these rugged fishermen were challenged by this resurrection event; by their Friend come back to life. And they were having a change-your-thinking moment as they did some spiritual calculus.

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And we only get to know what the Spirit wants us to know... which is a little matter of fact, being greatly unembellished and rather plain; John writes...

13 Jesus came, and took the bread, and gave it to them,

and the fish also / and seeing the nail scars in His hands; they knew who He was; Jesus had lunch with these 7 men, who did what Jesus said, Go to Galilee, they made the effort.

14 This is now the third time that Jesus showed Himself to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.

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