

SUBJECT: Appearance of the Risen Lord

DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 19:7-10; 119:105-112

BACKGROUND: John 21:1-14

LESSON: John 21:1-14

MEMORY VERSE: Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord." John 21:12 NIV

LESSON AIM: To see how Jesus' appearance to the disciples reassured them.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY OUTLINE

I. THE DISCIPLES DECIDE TO GO FISHING (JOHN 21:1-3)

1. Where did Jesus appear to seven of His disciples after His resurrection? By what two names is this location known? Locate on a New Testament map. John 21:1 (John 6:1)



1. The resurrected Jesus Christ appeared to Mary Magdalene.
2. The Lord appeared to ten of His Apostles, Thomas being absent.
3. After eight days, He appeared to the eleven Apostles, including Thomas.
4. The Savior appeared again to seven of His disciples at the Sea of Tiberias (the Sea of Galilee).

2. Who were the seven disciples Jesus appeared to on the Sea of Galilee? John 21:2
3. How many disciples were remaining after Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection? Why? Matthew 27:3-5; 28:16
4. After Jesus had appeared to His disciples twice what did Simon Peter tell the other disciples he was going to do? What did the other disciples think of Peter's idea? John 21:3ab
5. Why do you think only seven of the disciples went fishing?
6. What do you think motivated the disciples to go fishing?
7. What was the outcome of the disciples' fishing expedition? John 21:3c

II. JESUS SEEN BUT NOT RECOGNIZED (JOHN 21:4-6)

8. What time of day did Jesus appear to His disciples on the beach of the Sea of Galilee? Did the disciples initially recognize Jesus? John 21:4
9. What did Jesus ask the disciples? How did He address them? What was their reply? John 21:5
10. Why did Jesus call His disciples friends? What makes us Jesus' friends? John 15:14-15
11. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do? What was the result? John 21:6
12. What other event is this incident similar to Jesus' interaction with the disciples? Luke 5:1-11
13. Do you consider the incidents on the Sea of Galilee and others like it miracles? Why or why not?

III. JESUS RECOGNIZED (JOHN 21:7-8)

14. Who was the first to recognize Jesus? What did he do? John 21:7a
15. What did Peter do once he realized it was Jesus on the beach? John 21:7b
16. Summarize three of Jesus' post resurrection appearances where His followers were able to recognize Him after a particular act.
 - a. What caused Mary Magdalene to recognize Jesus? John 20:13-16
 - b. What caused the two disciples on the Emmaus Road to recognize Jesus? Luke 24:13-16, 30-32
 - c. What caused the disciples on the Sea of Galilee to recognize Jesus? John 21:6 (Luke 5:4-11)
17. What did the other disciples do after recognizing Jesus? John 21:8

IV. JESUS FELLOWSHIP WITH THE DISCIPLES (JOHN 21:9-14)

18. What did Jesus have prepared for the disciples once they reached the beach? What does this say about Jesus? John 21:9
19. What did Jesus ask the disciples once they landed? John 21:10
20. Who was responsible for bringing the fish ashore? How many fish did the disciples catch? John 21:11
21. What invitation did Jesus give the disciples once they were all ashore? John 21:12a
22. Was there any doubt with the disciples whether it was Jesus on the beach? John 21:12b
23. How did Jesus serve His disciples? What does this reveal about Jesus? John 21:13
24. The appearance of the risen Lord at the Sea of Galilee represented how many times Jesus had appeared to His disciples? John 21:14
25. How do you think Jesus' interaction with His disciples on the Sea of Galilee reassured them?