

An Extra-Ordinary Breakfast



Text: John 21:1-14

I. Introduction

- This chapter is an epilogue to the rest of the book
- It's like the final nail in the coffin, nailing down the defeat of death
- It provides the reality of the Resurrection
- Some claim the disciples hallucinated about the appearance of Christ
- How? When 500 witnessed Him after His Resurrection before His Ascension
- Christ spotted a school of fish for the disciples, built a fire, and cooked breakfast
- How many apparitions cook and breakfast?
- This was the 3rd appearance of Christ after His Resurrection

II. Jesus Christ Resurrects Us From Our Own Failures

- Christ was on earth 40 days before His Ascension
- Peter announces "I'm going fishing"
- Peter returned to the familiar to give him something to do
- Commercial fishing was done at night in Christ's day
- They caught nothing; these were professional fishermen
- The "failure" of the apostles; they were feeling down at having caught nothing; they failed at being fishermen like they failed at being fisher's of men
- This was the second time Christ has told them where to catch fish
- The disciples were nervous after Christ's death
- They did not see Him immediately
- Time caused a demoralizing experience
- When failure occurs, you can never go back or be restored like it, but there can be a new beginning
- What we need is a brand new relationship with Christ
- The Apostle Peter needed a new start...a new beginning
- Jesus was not finished with His disciples nor is He finished with us

III. The Resurrection Brings Meaning, Purpose, Power And God's Presence To Everyday Life

- This is just not on Sunday
- Our text demonstrates what God can do with a night of failure
- Christ preparing breakfast for a bunch of failures
- Christ is present where we work, where we pray, where we play, and where we sin
- He is there to pick us up when we fall
- He will always welcome us back after we fall or fail
- Abraham Lincoln was to treat the South as if they'd never been away after the Civil War
- Christ does this for us
- He does not condemn us for our failures
- God will use us after failures; Christ will always forgive us
- *Never think of any time in life as the end, but rather, every experience of life is only the beginning of the rest of it*
- *For the Christian, even death itself is only the beginning of everlasting life*
- This extraordinary breakfast and its message still nourish us with the promise that Christ is with us today
- He is alive and well
- And because He is alive and well, we are alive and well

IV. Conclusion

- We are not alone!
- We are not defeated!
- Thanks be to God!