## **Peter Goes Fishing! Peter Gets Caught!**

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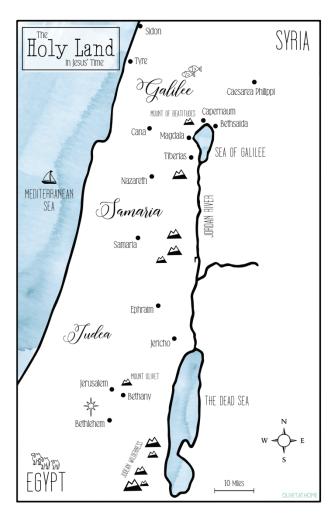
## John 21:1-22 (NASB)

21 After these things Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested *Himself* in this way. <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter \*said to them, "I am going fishing." They \*said to him, "We will also come with you." They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> So Jesus \*said to them, "Children, you do not have any fish, do you?" They answered Him, "No." <sup>6</sup> And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find *a catch*." So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish. <sup>7</sup> Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved \*said to Peter, "It is the Lord." So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped *for work*), and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net *full* of fish.

<sup>9</sup> So when they got out on the land, they \*saw a charcoal fire *already* laid and fish placed on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus \*said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have now caught." <sup>11</sup> Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.

<sup>12</sup> Jesus \*said to them, "Come *and* have breakfast." None of the disciples ventured to question Him, "Who are You?" knowing that it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus \*came and \*took the bread and \*gave *it* to them, and the fish likewise. <sup>14</sup> This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.



<sup>15</sup> So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus \*said to Simon Peter, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me more than these?" He \*said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He \*said to Him, "Tend My lambs." <sup>16</sup> He \*said to Him again a second time, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?" He \*said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He \*said to Him, "Shepherd My sheep." <sup>17</sup> He \*said to Him the third time, "Simon, *son* of



John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus \*said to him, "Tend My sheep.

<sup>18</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to *go.*"<sup>19</sup> Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He \*said to him, "Follow Me!"

<sup>20</sup> Peter, turning around, \*saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following *them*; the one who also had leaned back on His bosom at the supper and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" <sup>21</sup> So Peter seeing him \*said to Jesus, "Lord, and what about this man?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus \*said to him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what *is that* to you? You follow Me!"

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Describe Peter's emotions in this passage. Do you see yourself in him in some ways?
- 2. What is Jesus like? How would you describe Him in this passage? What traits do you observe?
- 3. Why did Peter choose to go fishing? Have you ever been tempted to leave ministry to "go fishing"?
- 4. Why did Peter ask about John in verse 21?
- 5. What stands out to you from this passage today? What is your takeaway from the Lord?