

“He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” so they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.” (John 21:6)

In 40 days between his resurrection and ascension, Jesus Christ appeared several times to his disciples. In today's passage, we find the third appearance of Jesus after his resurrection, according to John's Gospel. (21:14)

Peter and six others went fishing but caught nothing. (vs.3) When the risen Christ appeared, they didn't recognize him. After a brief conversation, Jesus asked them to cast their nets on the right side. (vs.6) The disciples obeyed and were overjoyed to catch 153 fish (vs 6, 8 & 11). It is in act of obedience that the disciples recognized the risen Christ (vs.7), experienced his power (vs.8) and received his care (vs.12).

It is important to realize that if we are to be witnesses of the resurrected Christ, if we are to experience the power of the risen Lord and if we desire to be cared for by our living Saviour - then we must act in obedience to his command and will.

Prayer

Dear Lord, we confess that we tend to go our way. Please reach out to us and inspire us to respond to you in obedience. Amen.