Breakfast with Jesus April 4, 2021

*John 21:1-19 Series: Easter Hope*

The only omnicompetent Executive chose Simon Peter – a man of great strengths and glaring weaknesses – to lead his fledgling church. – Kenneth B. Quick

Intro: Healing for our not-enough-ness?

1. Easter erases the shame of our not-enough-ness
2. Now, a huge catch of fish drives Peter to Jesus

v. 3 *They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.*

v. 6 *He said to them, “Cast the net on 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 of the quantity of fish.*

v. 7 *When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment … and threw himself into the sea.*

1. Before, a huge catch of fish drove Peter away from Jesus

Luke 5:5 *And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.”*

Luke 5:8 … *he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.”*

1. Without Easter, sin leaves us feeling exposed, wanting to hide

Genesis 3:10 *I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.*

Romans 10:11 *For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”*

* What is the not-enough-ness that Andrew Garfield expressed?
* Why is Peter’s response in v. 7 so different than Luke 5:8?
* How does Jesus help us deal with our fear of being exposed?

1. Easter fills the emptiness of our not-enough-ness
2. With time and opportunity limited, Jesus makes breakfast?

v. 9 *When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread.*

v. 12 *Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.”*

v. 13 *Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.*

1. Jesus fills us as we approach Him in fellowship

Revelation 3:20 *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.*

John 10:10 *I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

1. Easter takes some convincing

v. 12 *Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.*

v. 4 *the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.*

v. 8 *not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off*

v. 11 *full of large fish, 153 of them.*

* Why would Jesus make breakfast for the disciples?
* What are the times when you feel the reality of fellowship with Him the most?
* How is fellowship with God ‘filling’?
* What are some of the reasons that it’s unlikely this account is a myth or a legend or a fabrication?

1. Easter reverses the fear of our not-enough-ness
2. Jesus confronts Peter’s past

v. 15 *Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?”*

Matthew 26:33 *Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”*

v. 17 *Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?”*

Matthew 26:34 *Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”*

1. Jesus qualifies the unqualified

v. 17 *Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.*

vv. 15-17 *Feed my lambs … Tend my sheep … Feed my sheep.*

1. Jesus gives us courage for the future

v. 18 *you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go*

v. 19 *This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.*

v. 19 *And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”*

* Was it cruel to ask Peter if he loved him more than the other disciples did?
* Why did Jesus ask Peter if he loved him three times?
* How is Peter’s answer in v. 17 different than his answer in Matthew 26:33?
* How might Jesus’ prophecy in v. 18 have encouraged Peter?

Study ahead: Next week, we’ll study John 10:1-21

Notes