

KEY 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

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getting to know the heart of Jesus



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KNOW WHAT:

- This is the season of Easter when we celebrate the fact that Jesus rose from the dead.
- On Easter Sunday morning first some women, then some disciples, went to the tomb and found it empty. The angels told the women that Jesus was alive. Later that day Jesus appeared to some disciples walking to a nearby village. Later he appeared to 10 disciples in an Upper Room. Jesus told his disciples to go to Galilee and wait for him.
- Early one morning seven disciples went fishing on Lake Galilee. They caught nothing until a stranger on the shore told them to cast their net on the other side of the boat. When they did they had a huge catch.
- The disciples realised it was Jesus and made their way to shore. There they found Jesus cooking bread and fish on a fire and inviting them to breakfast.

SO WHAT:

- Jesus proved he really was alive again. He welcomed his followers and cared for them.

NOW WHAT:

- Jesus is alive today. He loves us and cares for us.

JIM'S JOTTINGS

Working in Washington DC and New York brought many surprises, one of which was that so much business was conducted at breakfast meetings in coffee shops at an hour of the day in which I would have preferred to be in bed. Looking back it was a good way of working. Fresh before the many demands of a busy day and over a massive American breakfast, one was able to focus on difficult issues in a relaxed context. Awkward pauses and time to think were easily covered by munching an extra slice or two of bacon covered in maple syrup!

Today we look at one of the most human stories in the Bible. Peter, Jesus' leading follower had promised never to let him down, but had denied even knowing him and run away when faced with possible arrest himself. But Jesus had risen from the dead and proved he was alive to his followers in a number of ways. One of those was cooking them a breakfast on the beach after a frustrating and exhausting time fishing. It was a prelude to Jesus dealing with Peter's guilt and sense of failure – more of that next week. But today, as we sit down for meals, enjoy times with family and friends, and go about the normal things of life, we can be sure that Jesus is with us and wants to share our company, no matter who we are or what we have done.

Quite a thought!