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STEWARDED RESURRECTION PART 3

THE WONDER OF RESURRECTION

Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee.^[a] This is how it happened. **2** Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin),^[b] Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples.

3 Simon Peter said, “I’m going fishing.”

“We’ll come, too,” they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.

4 At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn’t see who he was. **5** He called out, “Fellows,^[c] have you caught any fish?”

“No,” they replied.

6 Then he said, “Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you’ll get some!” So they did, and they couldn’t haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

7 Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. **8** The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards^[d] from shore. **9** When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

10 “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus said. **11** So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn’t torn.

12 “Now come and have some breakfast!” Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. **13** Then Jesus served them

the bread and the fish. **14** This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

15 After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these? [e]”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.”

“Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.

16 Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.”

“Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said.

17 A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.

John 21:1-17 (NLT)

THE QUIET DRIFT AFTER RESURRECTION

“I’m going fishing.”

This isn’t just a practical decision—it’s a revealing one.

Peter has seen the empty tomb. He’s heard the reports. He’s encountered the risen Jesus...

And yet, he goes back to what he knows.

Back to the familiar. Back to the ordinary. Back to something he can control.

And if we’re honest, we do the same.

Easter comes with power, clarity, celebration... But then life settles. Routine returns. And slowly, subtly, we drift.

Not away from Jesus completely... Just back into living as if nothing has really changed.

But resurrection was never meant to be a moment. It's meant to reshape everything.

1. JESUS MEETS US IN THE ORDINARY

A theme throughout the series, everything is ordinary when the resurrected Jesus turns up.

Not in a temple. Not in a moment of hype. But in the middle of ordinary life.

Fishing. Working. Trying again after failure.

They've caught nothing all night.

And then Jesus speaks into their everyday reality.

"Throw your net on the other side."

It's simple. Almost ordinary. But it leads to abundance.

This is the pattern of resurrection:

Jesus meets us in the ordinary, but invites us into something more.

2. WONDER BEGINS WITH RECOGNITION

Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore.

John 21:7 (NLT)

At first, they don't recognise Him.

Sound familiar?

Emmaus—they didn't recognise Him. Mary in the garden—didn't recognize Him.

Now here—again, they miss Him at first.

Why? Because resurrection doesn't always look how we expect.

It often comes disguised in the ordinary. In a conversation. In a moment. In a nudge. In the provision, we didn't plan for.

But then something shifts.

Recognition.

"It's the Lord!"

And suddenly—everything changes.

Wonder is born in that moment. Not just seeing something amazing But realising Jesus is here.

Wonder restores what failure broke.

When they get to shore, there's a detail that matters: A charcoal fire.

The only other time this word is used in John's Gospel is when Peter denied Jesus.

Same setting. Same smell. Same memory. And now, Jesus is recreating the moment.

Not to shame Peter but to restore him.

Jürgen Moltmann writes:

"The risen Christ does not abandon the past; he transforms it."

3. WONDER REVEALED OVER A MEAL.

When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

John 21:9 (NLT)

Don't rush past this.

The risen, victorious, glorified Jesus is making breakfast.

This is who He is.

Not distant. Not rushed. Not demanding performance.

Present. Inviting. Personal.

N. T. Wright says:

“The resurrection is not about escaping the world, but about God renewing it.”

And here we see it,

Fish. Fire. Bread.

Creation. Provision. Presence.

Resurrection isn't less real than life before. It's more real.

And wonder grows when we slow down enough to notice:

Jesus is here. Jesus is providing. Jesus is inviting me to sit with Him.

4. WONDER LEADS TO TRUST AND OBEDIENCE

Notice the flow:

Jesus speaks → They obey → Abundance comes → Recognition follows.

Not the other way around.

They didn't recognise Him first.

They responded first.

Dallas Willard said:

“Faith is not opposed to effort; it is opposed to earning.”

Sometimes wonder isn't something we wait to feel—

It's something we step into through obedience.

You throw the net again.

You take the step.

You trust the nudge.

And somewhere in that process—

Your eyes open.

5. WHERE DO WE SEE RESURRECTION WONDER TODAY?

This is where it lands for us:

If Jesus is risen... Then He is present. And if He is present... Then wonder is available.

Not just in big moments, but in everyday life.

We see resurrection wonder in:

- *Provision where there was lack*
- *Restoration where there was failure*
- *Peace in the middle of pressure*
- *Purpose in the ordinary*
- *Jesus meeting us right where we are*

These aren't coincidences. They are signs. Echoes of resurrection.

6. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO NOTICE

The disciples almost missed Him.

And we can too.

Not because Jesus isn't present but because we're distracted, hurried, or closed off.

Abraham Joshua Heschel writes:

“Wonder... is the beginning of wisdom.”

To steward resurrection is to cultivate wonder.

To live with open eyes. A soft heart. An expectant spirit.

To wake up and say: “Jesus, where are You at work today?” “Help me not to miss You.”

CONCLUSION

Part 1: Jesus walks with us.

Part 2: Jesus can be touched—resurrection is real.

Part 3: Jesus fills our everyday with wonder.

This is what it means to be Easter people.

Not just believing in the resurrection but living with eyes open to it.

Because the risen Jesus is not distant.

He’s on the shore. He’s in the moment. He’s already at work.

The question is, Will we recognise Him?

CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Where do you notice the “quiet drift” in your own life right now?
2. Can you share a recent “ordinary moment” where God might have been at work?
3. What step of obedience might God be inviting you into right now?