



Sermon: Jesus Christ: Risen, Real & Unchanged

Scripture: John 21:1-14

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Introduction:

- With the resurrection, everything had **changed**...except Jesus.

Scripture: Hebrews 13:8

- The **unchanging** Savior provides rest, joy and peace for His disciples.

The disciples witnessed Jesus' unchanging nature:

1. Jesus is still the Compassionate **Savior**. (21:1-5)

In his compassion, Jesus meets us where we are, but never leaves us as we **were**.

Scriptures: Matthew 11:28-30; 1 John 5:2-3; Psalms 103:13; 86:15; 89:14; Psalm 145:8-9.

- **Jesus is the Compassionate Savior. Run to Him and find peace.**

2. Jesus is still the Sovereign **Master**. (21:6-8, 11)

The emphasis behind the word "Lord" is supremacy and **authority**.

Jesus is the Lord because He is God—he is supreme and therefore our rightful **master**!

Why did John record the number of fish in the catch?

- **Jesus is the good and Sovereign Master. Submit to him and find joy!**

3. Jesus is still the Infinite **Servant**. (21:9-14)

What memories does the breakfast on the shore with Jesus bring to mind?

- The coal and the fire remind us of the High Priest's courtyard and Peter's **denials**. (John 18:18)
- The breaking of bread reminds us of the Upper Room and Jesus' service and **predicting** Peter's denials. (John 13)

The infinite Servant faithfully provides what we cannot find in anyone or anything else.

Scripture: Mark 10:45; Psalm 46:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; James 4:8-10

➤ **Friend, Jesus is the Infinite Servant. Draw near to Him and find rest.**

Questions to Consider:

1. What about John's account of Jesus' 3rd appearance to the disciples dispels the accusation that the disciples had a vision of Christ's appearance?
2. Review the differences between the Luke 5 fishing miracle and this account in John 21. What is significant about the differences?
3. Why is it important to understand Jesus as "Lord"?
4. Many have tried to attribute specific spiritual meanings to the number of 153 fish. What is dangerous or, at least, unhelpful about such discussions?
5. What is so meaningful for Peter about the breakfast on the shore with Jesus? For the disciples?
6. How does the unchanging nature of Jesus "yesterday, today and forever" encourage you to find peace, joy and rest in Him?