

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

BIBLE READING DAY 50, SUNDAY: APRIL 17

Jesus Appears by Galilee

John 21:1–23

Jesus again appeared to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberius, in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathaniel of Cana of Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together, and Simon Peter said, “I’m going fishing.”

“We’ll go with you,” they replied.

They went out and got into the boat, and during the night caught nothing. And at daybreak, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not know it was Jesus.

“Lads, do you have any fish?” asked Jesus.

“No,” they replied.

“Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will catch some,” said Jesus.

So, they cast the net, and were unable to draw it in because of the great number of fish. Then that disciple whom Jesus especially loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!”

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer cloak (for he was wearing only a waist-cloth) and jumped into the water. But the other disciples came in the boat, towing the net full of fish (they were not far from land, about two hundred cubits). When they came ashore, they saw a fire of coals with fish roasting on it, and bread.

“Bring some of the fish you just caught,” said Jesus.

Simon Peter went aboard and drew the net ashore, full of large fish—a hundred and fifty-three. Although there were so many, the net was not torn.

“Come and have breakfast,” said Jesus.

None of the disciples ventured to ask, “Who are you?” for they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and also the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he had risen from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?”

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

“Then feed my lambs,” said Jesus.

A second time Jesus said to him, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?”

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

“Then tend my sheep,” said Jesus.

Jesus said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was grieved because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you!”

“Then feed my sheep,” said Jesus. “I tell you truly, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked wherever you pleased; but when you are old, you will stretch forth your hands and someone else will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go.”

Jesus said this to show by what kind of death Peter should glorify God. And after saying this, he said to him, "Follow me."

Peter turned and saw following them the disciple whom Jesus especially loved, who had leaned against his breast at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When he saw him, Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?"

"If it is my will that he remains until I come," replied Jesus, "what is that to you? Follow me."

Then word spread abroad among the brethren that that disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die, but rather, "If it is my will that he remains until I come, what is that to you?"

Jesus Commissions His Disciples

Matthew 28:16–20; Mark 16:15–18

Then the eleven disciples went into Galilee to the mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all the things that I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, to the end of the age." "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all humanity. He who believes and is baptized will be saved, and he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will take up serpents, and if they drink anything deadly it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Jesus's Ascension

Acts 1:3–11; Luke 24:50–53

Jesus showed himself alive to his apostles after his sufferings by many infallible proofs, appearing to them during forty days and talking about the kingdom of God. And while he was with them, he told them not to leave from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father's promise— "of which you have heard me speak," he said. "For John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

He led them out as far as Bethany. While they were together, they asked him, "Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel at this time?"

"It is not for you to know the times or seasons which the Father has determined by his own authority," replied Jesus. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." And he lifted his hands and blessed them; and while he was blessing them, he was parted from them and carried up into heaven, and a cloud received him out of their sight.

While they were gazing toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men dressed in white stood by them and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing toward heaven? This same Jesus who was taken up from you into heaven will come again in the same manner in which you saw him go into heaven." And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising God.

Approximate Timeline of Jesus's Public Ministry														
EARLY LIFE	EARLY MINISTRY	FIRST PASS-OVER	SUMMER	FIRST BOOTHS	WINTER	SECOND PASS-OVER	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	THIRD PASS-OVER	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	SPRING

DEVOTIONAL DAY 50 (SUNDAY APRIL 17)

The Benediction!

Based on Matthew 28:16–20; Mark 16:15–18; Luke 24:50–53; John 21:1–23; Acts 1:3–11

And so, we come to the end of this devotional journey.

Today is Easter, Resurrection Sunday, so I'm guessing you have a lot of extra things to do, so I'll keep this short!

I hope that in the last fifty days you have tuned your heart and mind to the voice of God.

I hope that you have found a new connection with the ones who wrote for this devotional guide.

I hope and pray that the Holy Spirit of God has found new space to reshape you into the image of God.

Most believers pray daily, but nine out of ten believers are not in the Scripture daily. The Holy Spirit that is promised is available, but do not assume that His constant presence is automatic.

Being in the Bible daily is essential to receiving a daily filling of God presence. You cannot eat once a week, you cannot sleep once a week, and you cannot thrive on one Bible visit a week!

I propose that you read one chapter of Acts, along with a chapter of Proverbs, for the next 28 days, then flow into Romans. Any Bible reading plan is better than no reading plan.

It is imperative that you keep this new habit going!

Dear God, my spirit is tired of running on fumes. The mountain tops of my past were great, but it's been a long time since I've would say I was "filled" with the Holy Spirit. I open myself up to You. I want the full born-again experience. I open all of me to all of You. Amen.

--By Dr. Randy Wallace

WRITE DOWN YOUR THOUGHTS IN RESPONSE TO WHAT YOU HAVE READ:

WHAT DID GOD SAY TO ME?

PRAYER: WHAT DID I SAY TO GOD?

ACTS OF PRAYER: ADORATION, CONFESSION, THANKSGIVING, SUPPLICATION (How God Can Supply Needs)

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