

Bible Verse: John 21: 1a (NIV)

“Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee.”

Our story today is about another time that Jesus appeared to his disciples after Easter morning. It happens by the Sea of Galilee.

Thomas, Nathanael, James, John, and two other disciples went fishing with Peter. They went out on the boat together, and they fished all night, but they caught nothing. No fish!

Early in the morning, while they were still out on the water, someone called to them from the shore. They heard “Friends, have you caught any fish?” “No”, they answered. They didn’t recognize him at first, but it was really Jesus on the shore. He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul in the net because of the large number of fish. Now they had caught 153 large fish!

John recognized Jesus then, and said to Peter “It is the Lord” Peter was so excited, he jumped right into the water with his clothes on to go to Jesus. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the heavy net full of fish. When they landed, they saw that Jesus had built a fire on the shore, and was starting to cook a breakfast of fish and bread for them. So they had a joyous meal together.

The disciples shared fish and bread with Jesus. They also shared love and hope with Jesus and with each other.

This story reminds us to recognize Jesus in our lives and to share love and hope with each other.

Wonder Question: The disciples recognized catching so many fish to be a “miracle”. Can you think of something that could happen to you, that if it did, you would say it was a “miracle”?

