

Friday 22nd May

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples (John 21:1-14)

Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael (the one from Cana in Galilee), the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were all together. Simon Peter said to the others, 'I am going fishing'. 'We will come with you,' they told him. So they went out in a boat, but all that night they did not catch a thing. As the sun was rising, Jesus stood at the water's edge, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then he asked them, 'Young men, haven't you caught anything?' 'Not a thing,' they answered. He said to them, 'Throw your net out on the right side of the boat, and you will catch some.' So they threw the net out and could not pull it back in, because they had caught so many fish. The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Peter heard that it was the Lord, he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken his clothes off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples came to shore in the boat, pulling the net full of fish. They were not very far from land, about a hundred yards away. When they stepped ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there with fish on it and some bread. Then Jesus said to them, 'Bring me some of the fish you have just caught.'

Simon Peter went abroad and dragged the net ashore full of big fish, a hundred and fifty-three in all; even though there were so many, still the net did not tear. Jesus said to them, 'Come and eat'. None of the disciples dared ask him 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. So Jesus went over, took the bread, and gave it to them; he did the same with the fish. This, then, was the third time Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from death.

Time to be still to listen so we can reflect

- Listen to the story being read or read it out loud yourself.
- Imagine you were there. What was the boat like?
- What was the water like, was it clear, calm?
- Imagine what it might feel like if you had been all night fishing and caught nothing.
- What might you be feeling as you pulled the boat back onto the shore?
- Imagine what you felt when you came to know that it was Jesus standing on the shore?
- How might you feel hearing Jesus invite you to share a meal with him?
- What was the meal of fish and bread like?
- What would you like to say to Jesus?
- What prayer would you like to pray?

Draw a picture of this scripture story or write your thinking, or a prayer or a conversation you might have with Jesus after hearing or reading this story.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thick black border, intended for a student to draw a picture, write their thoughts, or create a prayer or conversation with Jesus based on a scripture story.

Eoin 21:1-14

Ina dhiadh sin thaispeáin Íosa é féin arís do na deisceabail ag Muir Thibirias, agus seo mar a thaispeáin: Bhí i bhfocair a chéile: Síomón Peadar, Tomás an Leathchúpla, Natanael ó Chána na Gailíle, agus clann Zeibidé, agus beirt eile dá dheisceabail. Dúirt Síomón Peadar leo: Táimse ag dul ag iascach."

"Rachaimidne leat," ar siad. D'imigh siad mar sin agus isteach sa bhád leo, ach an oíche sin níor rug siad ar bhreac. Nuair a tháinig an mhaidin, bhí Íosa ina sheasamh ar an trá, ach ní raibh a fhios ag a dheisceabail gurb é Íosa é. Dúirt Íosa leo: Níl aon iasc agaibh, an bhfuil, a chlann ó?" "Níl," ar siad á fhreagairt. Dúirt sé leo: "Cuirigí an eangach amach ar dheis an loinge, agus gheobhaidh sibh iasc." Rinne siad cor dá bhrí sin agus láithreach bhí ag teip orthu an eangach a tharraingt, bhí an oiread sin iasc inti. Ansin an deisceabal ab ionúin le hÍosa, dúirt sé le Peadar: "Is é an Tiarna é." Nuair a chuala Peadar dá bhrí sin gurb é an Tiarna é, chuir sé a bhrat uime- mar bhí sé gan é- agus chaith sé é féin isteach san fharraige. Ach tháinig na deisceabail eile sa long mar níorbh fhada ón talamh iad, ach timpeall dhá chéad banlámh; agus tharraing siad na eagnach lán d'iasc ina ndiaidh.

Nuair a tháinig siad i dtír mar sin, chonaic siad arán ansiúd agus tine ghualaigh agus isas uirthi. Dúirt Íosa leo: "Tugaigí anseo cuid de na héisc a ghabh sibh anois." Ansin chuaigh Peadar ar bord agus tharraing sé an eangach i dtír, agus í lán d'éisc mhóra, céad agus caoga trí díobh agus bíodh go raibh siad chomh mór sin níor bhris an eangach. Dúirt Íosa leo: "Tagaigí agus ithigí". Ní raibh sé de mhisneach ag aon duine de na deisceabail a fhriafaí de: Cé hé thú féin?" mar go raibh fhios acu gurbh é an Tiarna é. Tháinig Íosa agus thóg an t-aràn agus thug dóibh é, agus mar an gcéanna leis an iasc. Is é sin an tríú huair a

thaispeáin Íosa é féin do na deisceabail tar éis dó aiséirí ó mhairbh.

1. Samhlaigh go raibh tusa amach ag iascaireacht an oíche sin agus inis conas a bhí tú ag mothú.
2. Samhlaigh gur tusa Peadar. Cad a bhí tú ag smaoineamh nuair a chaith tú tú féin isteach san fharraige.
3. Cad ba mhaith leat rá le Íosa?
4. Cén paidir ba mhaith leat rá anois?

Tarraing pictiúr nó scríobh faoi cad tá i d'intinn tar éis an scéal seo a léamh.

