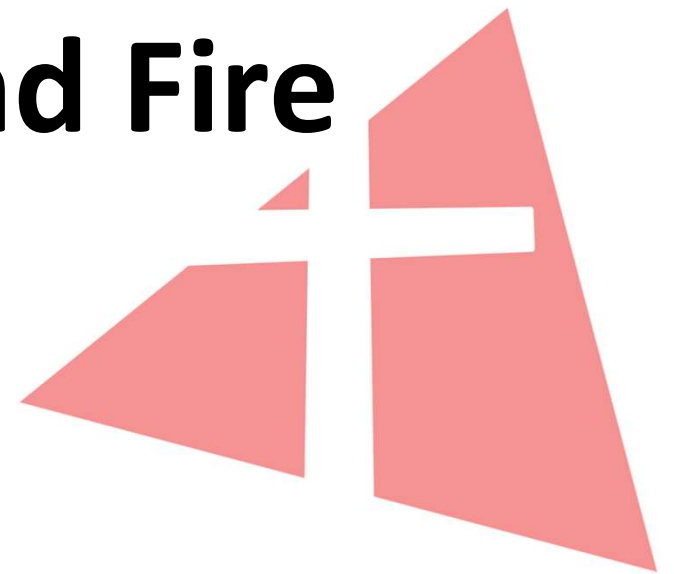


After Easter: The Second Fire

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Our Easter Series

- **Hell and Heaven**



Today's Focus

- **After Easer: The Second Fire**



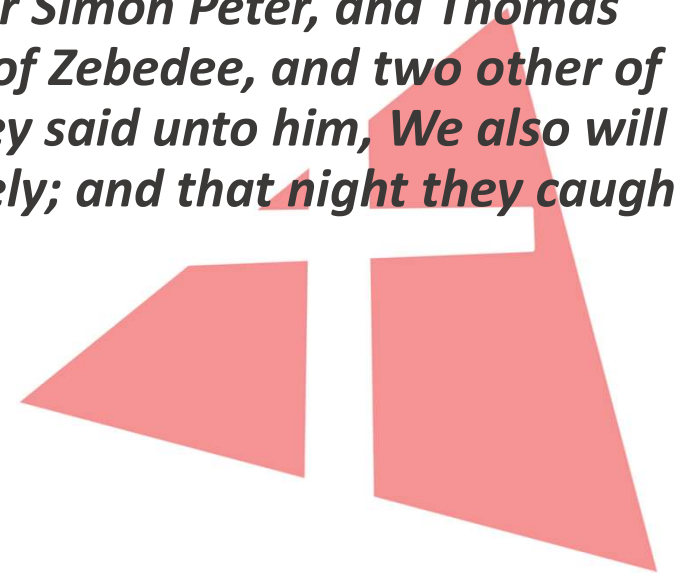
The Context

- **The disciples had deserted Jesus**
- **They knew Jesus was alive**



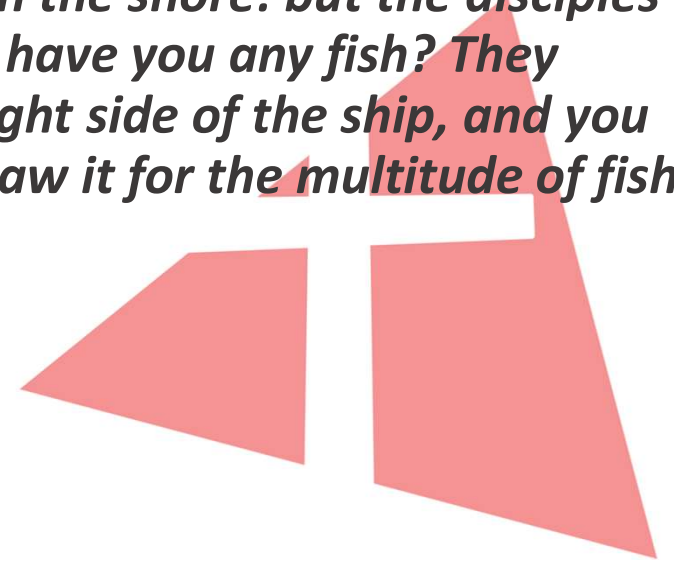
Peter's State

John 21:1-3 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and in this way showed he himself. There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. Simon Peter said unto them, I am going fishing. They said unto him, We also will go with you. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.



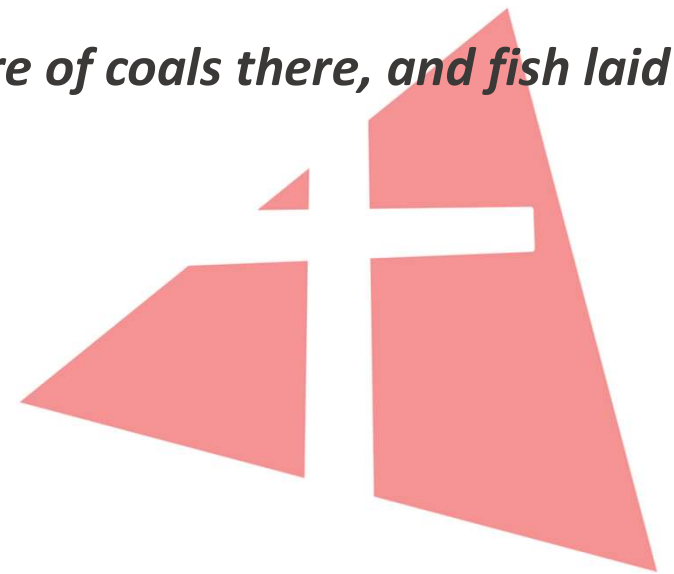
The Second Catch

John 21:4-6 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said unto them, Children, have you any fish? They answered him, No. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and you shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fish.



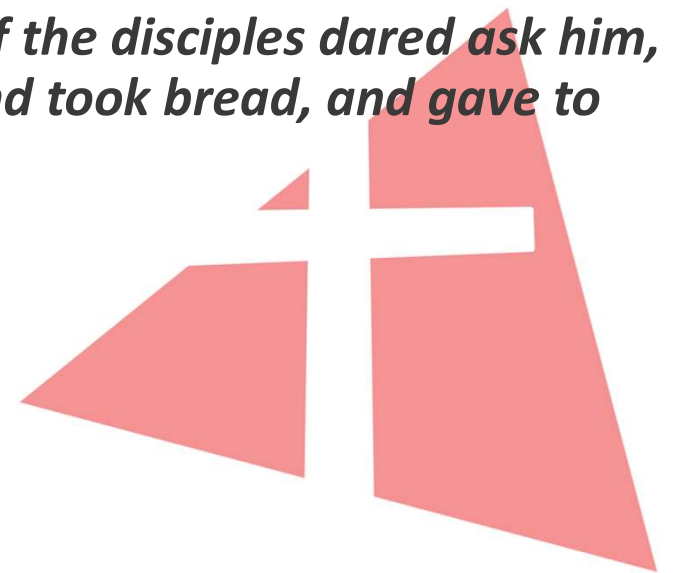
The Second Fire

John 21:9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.



The Second Meal

John 21:12-13 Jesus said unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples dared ask him, Who are you? knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came, and took bread, and gave to them, and fish likewise.



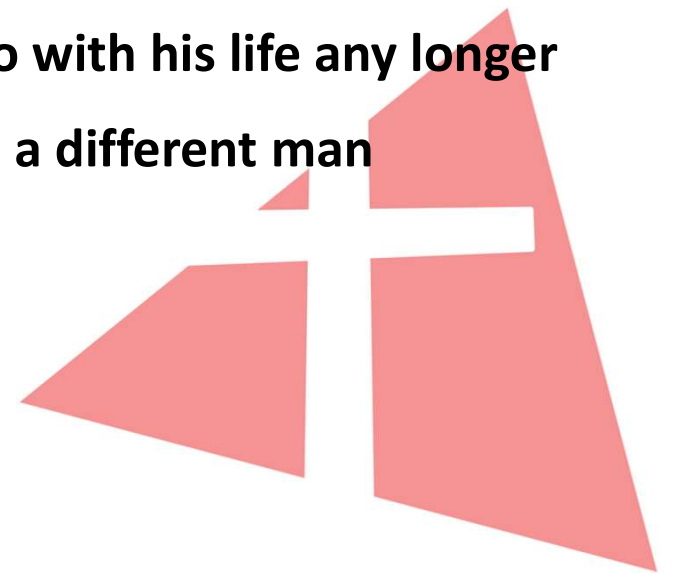
Jesus' Purpose

- **A second miracle**
- **A second fire**
- **A second meal**
- **All to restore Peter to his calling and identity**



The Effect

- Peter was depressed, disillusioned and didn't know what to do with his life any longer
- After the restoration and filling with the Holy Spirit, Peter was a different man



After Easter

- **Jesus can do all these things to Peter because He died and rose again from the dead**



Application

- **Jesus wants to change our memories as well, just like Peter's**



Application

- **The Second Miracle should remind us that our sin does not disqualify us from our calling**



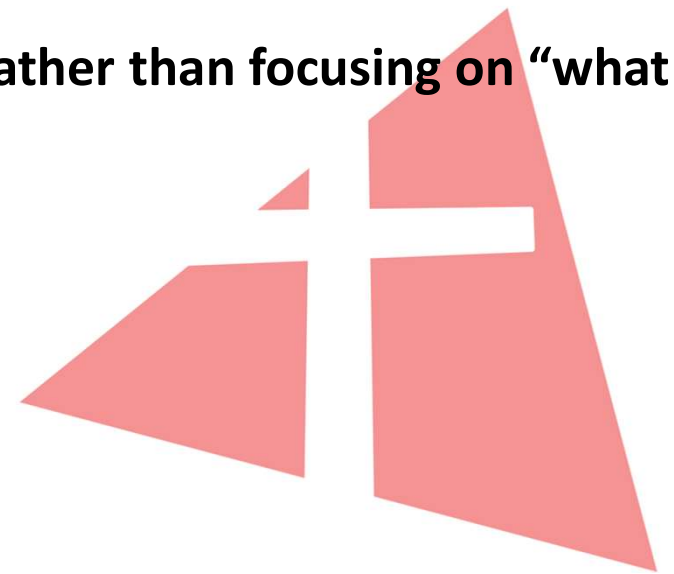
Application

- **The second fire and the second meal should replace our memories of failures and shame with memories of restoration by God**



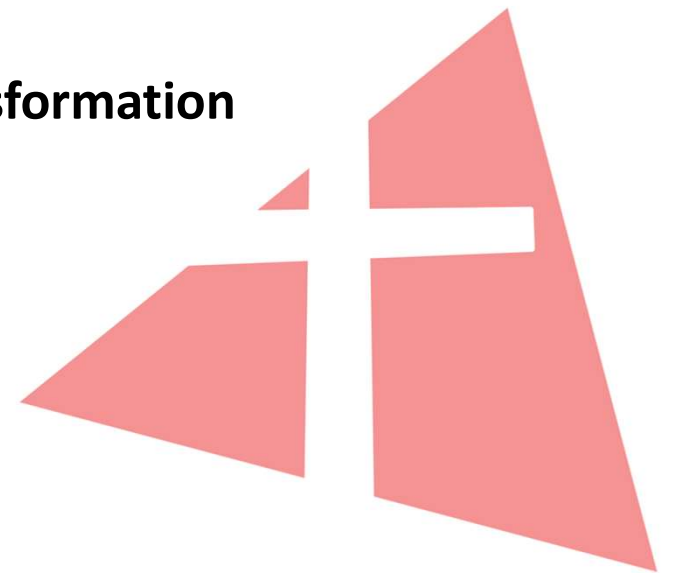
Application

- God wants to remind us of “what He has done in and for us” rather than focusing on “what we have done”



Application

- **Knowing that Jesus rose from the dead is not enough for transformation**



Application

- **Let's be careful about "what we communicate to each other"**
 - Not focusing on each other's failures
 - Focusing on Jesus' work in each other's lives instead



In Conclusion

- **Easter allows us to receive a second miracle, a second fire and a second meal**

