

Bring of the fish which ye have now caught
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(Joh 21:7-13)

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John is loved of Jesus, and God uses this disciple (God's elect) to speak to Peter in us, "**It is the Lord.**" Only when we hear from another teacher that "**It is the Lord**"(Act 8:34) do we leap into action and cover our nakedness (our sinful flesh being covered by our own works, symbolized in this case by Peter's fishers coat) and throw ourselves into the sea of humanity to do what we believe God is calling us to do. This stage of Peter's walk truly demonstrates zeal without knowledge as we all start off (Rom 10:2).

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The other disciples are transitioning as well into the kingdom of God which is at hand, as the language in this part of scripture demonstrates. The little ship bears the few who are called and chosen (Mat 22:14) to come to the land which is not far off (Mar 1:15). The two hundred cubits represents the witness of the work that the holy spirit does on the flesh (2X10X10) to drag us to Christ, and is reiterated by mentioning that the fishes (men) were dragged with the nets. Looking at the Greek word 'surō' (**G4951**) for "**dragging the nets**" in KJC, we learn of its use in 4 other occurrences and see the intent is against our will in every case. We come to God only by being dragged (Joh 6:44).

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As soon as we come to land, (the Church of the living God [Mat 16:16](#) , [Act 14:15](#) , [1Ti 3:15](#)), we begin to see the words of life, the hot coals that are used to burn up the first man Adam (fish) within us ([Jer 5:14](#),[Isa 6:6-7](#)). The nourishment of fish and bread, and the coals that are the means by which they are cooked, are all symbolic of the word of God. Mankind (fish and bread) must be tried with fire like our faith in order to be free of leaven and an acceptable sacrifice unto God ([Num 28:2](#)). In like manner it is when we suffer through fiery trials that we cease to sin and become more nourishing for the body of Christ (each joint supplies) ([1Pe 5:10](#) , [Heb 9:26-28](#) , [Heb 11:25](#) , [Eph 4:16](#)). The giants in our land become nourishment for us and those giants can be within or without ([Num 14:9](#), [Mar 7:15](#)).

So there is Christ on the land, the unleavened sacrifice ([1Co 5:8](#)), cooking bread and fish on hot coals serving His disciples ([Mat 20:28](#) , [Php 2:7](#) , [Gal 5:13](#) , [1Co 9:19](#)). They did not understand at this point the symbolism of eating this cooked food which was being prepared for them by our Lord, symbols of how Christ would strengthen them with the true bread of life and the true meat and drink which God's holy spirit was going to provide through Jesus Christ ([Joh 6:55](#) , [Joh 16:15](#)). We need to remember that Christ was a 'fish' (man [1Co 15:39](#)) and 'bread' (true bread from heaven [Joh 6:58](#)) prepared for our nourishment.

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[Joh 21:10](#) **Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.**

We share in the process of salvation with Christ, but it takes time for us realize that we have really caught nothing that was not given to us of God who works all things according to the counsel of His own will. ([1Co 3:6](#) , [Joh 6:44](#) , [Php 2:13](#) , [Eph 1:11](#)). We bring to Christ what he enables us to catch when we have an obedient spirit ([Act 5:32](#)). So whether we eat, or drink, or fish, or become fishers of men, we do all things to the glory of God who is working all these things in our lives ([Rev 5:13](#) , [1Co 10:31](#) , [Php 4:13](#) , [Act 20:30](#)).

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Great fishes were caught and God provided the means and the strength within the system to make the net (the body of Christ working together) work and not fall apart ([1Co 10:13](#) , [1Co 12:12](#)), because this is, was and will be the work of God which the gates of hell will not prevail against ([Mat 16:18](#)).

Why 153 fish? God (1) will bring us all unto Himself by grace and faith (5 [Eph 2:8](#)). The process of judgement of flesh (3) is what will add up to making the new man (5+3=8). Judgement (1+5+3=9) is accomplished by our loving Father who is chastening and scourging those firstfruits sons and daughters who are being received in this age ([Heb 12:6](#) , [1Pe 4:17](#)).

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[Joh 21:12](#) **Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.**

At this point the disciples know it is the Lord who has just invited them to dine with Him. We know it

is the Lord today that we are eating with, but we may still have many questions about this honour and blessing that has been bestowed upon us to **"Come and dine."** with Jesus Christ. To what end are we being given this communion with our Lord ([Heb 13:10](#) , [Rev 19:9](#) , [1Co 10:16](#))? We are in fact being blessed and sanctified today by the food that we are receiving from the Shepherd (head) through the body of Christ ([2Co 2:14](#)) so that we may be equipped by this experience to one day be blessed and holy in the first resurrection so that we may share these same riches of His words of life with the rest of humanity ([Rev 20:6](#) , [Gen 43:34](#)).

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These actions of Christ are a shadow of the later events in ([Luk 22:19](#)). Christ gives His flesh for the life of the world ([Joh 6:51](#)). We can easily see that Christ is giving His flesh for the life of the world, but not so easily see that it is all of humanity who is being given for each other both in our belief and in our unbelief. ([Mat 25:45](#) , [Luk 10:36](#) , [Rom 5:8](#)).

Whether we are given to be believing today or not believing, all flesh is sacrificed for the life of the world, because it is all flesh that is living and moving and having its being within Christ and as such being worked by God according to the counsel of His will ([Rom 11:30-33](#) , [Act 17:28](#) , [Eph 1:11](#)). Not everyone is spiritually nourished by the events which are unfolding in life today, but everyman in his order ([1Co 15:23](#)) will one day be nourished and saved by the life of Christ which is given for the life of the world ([Rev 22:13](#) , [1Pe 1:12](#) , [1Co 10:11](#)).

God's elect obtain mercy through the unbelief of others and the shadow of this can be found in the story of Caleb and Joshua, a type of the elect who believe in advance of the armies of Israel, and know that God has given the enemies over to them to be bread for them ([Num 14:6-9](#)).

Our enemies are primarily within us, and if God gives us victory over the beast within, which we always at first think that we can overcome until we're shown that we cannot ([Rev 13:4](#)), after this, then we will be nourished by this experience as the Lord gives us victory over the giants in our land today little by little ([Deu 7:22](#)). And all the glory and honour will be His and His alone.

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Summary

Today, we have seen that as God turns us into fishers of men, there is a need to go through a lifetime of transitioning into that role. This eventually brings us to understand the strength of the body and how the work that God calls us unto can only be accomplished by the many members, which are all directed by the captain of our salvation, Jesus Christ ([Heb 2:10](#)).