

Breakfast on the beach

(John 21:1-14)

Key words

Fish or Fishing – Splash!

Beach – (sing) Oh I do like to be beside the seaside.

Boat – Ahoy there!

Nets – Heave Ho!

Breakfast – Umm! Sounds good to me!

It was 2 or 3 weeks after Easter day when Jesus had risen from the dead. It had been several days since Jesus' friends had seen him and they had no idea when they would see him again. They waited around in the house but didn't really know what to do. Peter especially was getting restless. He couldn't rest during the day and he couldn't sleep at night. Late one evening he suddenly said:

"I'm going fishing (Splash!). Does anyone else want to come with me?"

Several of Jesus' friends agreed and together they set out for a big lake. So big it was called the Sea of Tiberias. It was a beautiful lake with a long sandy beach (Oh I do like to be beside the seaside).

Peter managed to borrow a boat (Ahoy There!) and soon they had all climbed in and pushed off from the beach (Oh I do like to be beside the seaside). The boat (Ahoy there!) sailed across the calm water. Peter remembered another boat (Ahoy there!) trip they had been on with Jesus when a great storm had hit them and the boat (Ahoy there!) had nearly sunk. But Jesus had stood up in the boat (Ahoy there!) and stilled the storm.

"Oh I wish Jesus was with us now," thought Peter, "I always felt so safe with Jesus around."

They sailed the boat (Ahoy there!) away from the beach (Oh I do like to be beside the seaside) towards the deepest water. Then they set to work lowering the nets (Heave ho!). They sailed the little boat (Ahoy there!) up and down, pulling the nets (Heave ho!) behind them. But every time they looked there nets (Heave ho!) were empty. There was not a fish (Splash!) to be seen.

They carried on fishing (Splash!) all night. Sailing the little boat (Ahoy there!) and pulling the nets (Heave ho!) but they didn't catch anything, not even a sardine.

As dawn broke in the east, the beach (Oh I do like to be beside the seaside) began to glow a fiery gold in the distance. They were all very fed up and hungry by now and started to pack up the nets (Heave ho!) so they could head home for breakfast (Umm !Sounds good to me!).

Suddenly though they heard a voice. They looked up and saw a man on the beach (Oh I do like to be beside the seaside).

"Have you got any fish (Splash!)" he asked.

"No!" they shouted back, "Not one. We've been fishing (Splash!) all night but caught nothing!"

"Throw your nets (Heave ho!) on the right side of the boat (Ahoy there!)," he said. "you will find some fish (Splash!) there."

"Who does he think he is?" muttered Peter to himself. "I've been fishing (Splash!) for 20 years and I can tell you there are no fish (Splash!) to be caught today!"

"Oh come on Peter," said one of the others. "Let's at least try. If we catch some fish (Splash!) at least we can have a good breakfast "(Umm! Sounds good to me).

So they threw the nets (Heave ho!) on the right side of the boat (Ahoy there!) and when they tried to pull the nets (Heave ho!) up they found they couldn't, they were so full of fish (Splash!)!

Peter looked at the man on the beach (Oh I do like to be beside the seaside) and then one of Jesus' friends said just what he was beginning to think: "Hey Peter, it's Jesus!"

Peter didn't hesitate. He wrapped his cloak around himself, jumped out of the boat (Ahoy there!) and started to wade towards the beach (Oh I do like to be beside the seaside), leaving the others in the boat (Ahoy there!) dragging the net (Heave ho!) towards the shore.

When Peter reached Jesus he saw a fire on the beach (Oh I do like to be beside the seaside) with fish (Splash!) and bread cooking on it.

"Bring some of your fish (Splash!)," said Jesus. "We can have breakfast (Umm! Sounds good to me!) together."

Peter got 2 of the largest fish (Splash!) from the nets (Heave ho!) and in no time at all he had prepared them and they were cooking over the fire.

So Jesus and Peter and his other friends sat on the beach (Oh I do like to be beside the seaside) and ate their breakfast (Umm! Sounds good to me!) of fish (Splash!) and bread together.

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