① Jesus Meets Believers in Galilee

v.1 After these things
μετὰ ταῦτα
- shows sequence... after the mentioned appearances

v.1 Jesus showed Himself again
→ φανερόν: revealed/manifest
- Jesus continues to make known that He has risen
- There is now proof of life after death in Jesus' name
* This is revealed/made known
φανερόν by Jesus' resurr.
- φανερόν - mentioned twice in one verse (v.1)... ; v.14 inclusio
- John seems to be stressing a point
- Life ζωή is in Jesus alone

"These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" 20:31
- a new, resurrected life, proven/revealed by the resurrected Jesus

"most assuredly the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live the Father has life in Himself, and has granted the Son to have life in Himself" John 5:25-26

v.1 Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples
μαθητής: learner, student, pupil, follower, disciple
- implies a close relationship

v.1 At the Sea of Tiberias
- This is technically Sea of Galilee - even more technically, Lake of Galilee
* named after Emperor Tiberias, due to a city that was built next to the Lake by Herod Antipas
- Jesus gathering His disciples to reveal Himself in Galilee
- has prophetic ; inclusio motifs
- Fulfilled Prophecy: Is 9

"By the way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined." Is 9:2

* This is part of the Immanuel Child prophecy Is 7-9
- Inclusio (Book end events)
- Jesus started His ministry in Galilee - John 2, Matt 2

"Then Peter opened his mouth and said, God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him... the word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ - He is Lord of all - which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began in Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power..." Acts 10:36-38
- And now ends His ministry in Galilee - John 21

"Go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead and indeed He is going before you to Galilee, there you will see Him..." Matt 28:7

"He was taken up in a cloud and out of their sight... two men said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven?... Acts 1:11
- A Beautiful full circle - Galilee back to Galilee

② 7 Apostles Go Fishing

v.1 And in this way He showed
φανερόν Himself
- In other words: This is the way this revealing took place

v.2 Simon Peter, Thomas called the twin, Nathaniel of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples μαθητής were together
- So, we have seven disciples together who plan a fishing trip

v.3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." - could always be symbolism of the #7... complete/all disciple symb.
- some have said that Peter went back to fishing as an occupation - but then "restored" to ministry by Jesus at the shore
- This might be true... but it seems that interpretation might be reading too much into the text
1) The text never says Peter returned to be a fisherman - Just that he was "going fishing"
2) It wasn't just Peter that decided to go fishing, but all 7 - the disciples still had to eat
3) Peter already had seen the risen Jesus
"The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon" Luke 24:34
"He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve" 1Cor. 15:5
4) They were told by Jesus to go to Galilee and wait there for Him - Matt 28:7, Mark 14:28, 16:7 - all commanded to meet Him in Galilee

5) The conversation that ensues does not seem like one of being caught in the act of apostatizing/running away - They all were happy to see Jesus and ran or swam towards Him.
- Peter did deny Jesus 3x and needed to be restored/encouraged in the faith - But to say he went back to living as a fisherman seems too much of conjecture

v.3 They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing
- This is gearing up to be a similar story to Luke 5 when Peter came to faith when they caught NO fish - But Jesus told them to cast their net on the other side ; their nets were torn due to all the fish.
- they toiled all night, caught nothing
- Jesus said launch out and try again
- caught so many the net was breaking
- Simon Peter fell on his knees saying Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord
- James ; John were there
- Jesus said, "Don't be afraid, from now on you will be catchers of men.
- They forsook all and followed Jesus (Luke 5:1-11)

v.4 But when the morning had now come Jesus stood on the shore, yet the Disciples did not know it was Jesus
- Either it was early and still dark
- or due to the distance (200 cubits/100 yards - v.8)
- or due to Jesus' new body
- they did not know it was Him

③ Jesus Reveals Himself From the Shore

v.5 Then Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any food?"
- The typical Greek word for children is τέκνον... however, here - Jesus uses παιδίον: boys, lads, - has a connotation of intimacy
- The Greek phrase implies a negative Boys, you don't have any food, correct?
- almost as if a (type of) miracle is brewing
- NKJV reads "food"
- KJV reads meat
- NASB, ESV, NLT, CEB, NET, NRSV, NIV, all read "FISH"
προσφάγιον: Fish, or meat

v.5 They answered Him, "No"

v.6 And He said to them, "Cast your net on the right side of the boat and see if you find some."
- The disciples obeyed the instruction
- Maybe they thought He could see something they couldn't - and/or they had a hunch it could have been the Lord

v.6 So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish
- This catch removed all doubt - now they knew who was speaking

v.7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved...
- the author (John) still trying to keep his anonymity

v.7... said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"
- they all recognized the way of their Lord
- they knew His way, style, touch
μαθητής - learner, follower, pupil

v.7 Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for it was removed)
→ ὁ ἐπενδύτης: robe, outer garment/fisherman's coat
γυμνός: unclad, naked/under clothing
- Peter was barely dressed, so he put on some clothing to meet Jesus - otherwise, this sentence would seem odd to put on clothes to go swimming

v.7 Peter plunged into the sea
- impetuous Peter, couldn't wait...
- rather swim the 100 yards or so

v.8 But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about 200 cubits)
- The other 6 remained in the boat
- rowed to shore, 100 yards
- and brought their big catch

v.8 Dragging the net of fish
- v.11 says it was very large fish - too much to pull in the little boat

④ Jesus Serves the Disciples Breakfast

v.9 Then as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread
- Quite a nice spread
- a nice warm breakfast for them
* What we are going to see on land is a re-enactment of the night of betrayal
- charcoal fire
- 3 Questions on Peter's love
- 3 promises of Peter (vs denial)
* A reinstatement to Peter
- a dark and evil night of betrayal is replaced by the morning fire and resurrected Jesus
- morning = new day, new season
- In the same way the catching of the fish was a re-enactment of Luke 5:1-11 w/ the fish
* But now there was even larger fish and the net did NOT break
* And the reminder to be fishers of men as He said in Luke 5
- We also see the amazing humility and servant leadership of Jesus
- Jesus was in His new body, conquered sin, death, ; hell
- Seated at the right hand of God (Dan. 7, Eph. 1, Rev. 4, 4)
- Jesus came as a suffering servant now exalted as the conquering King
Yet... still the ultimate Servant
* To have the King serve them breakfast at this point is amazing
- Jesus washed their feet as an example of "being part of Me" 13:1-17
- He serves them STILL... as KING (Matt 20:28, Phil. 2:3)

v.10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught."
- They are going to eat together
- Jesus providing all the necessities
- even "their fish" was a type of miracle provided by His word/direction

v.11 Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty three.
- most believe Peter was a very strong man to pull such a load
- not to mention, the fish were specifically detailed as "large"
- Now, regarding the number: 153 large fish
* Is there any symbolism in 153?
- scholars have attempted to find any hidden meaning in it for centuries
- Possible meanings:
1) 153 was the number of different types of fish in the sea
- this was advanced by Jerome who quoted a naturalist who got that #...
- however, that # turns out to be too low
2) The number is related to Ez. 47 where Ezekiel prophesizes that the new Temple will have a stream with large numbers of fish... fishermen will spread their nets and catch all kinds of fish
Ezek. 47:9-10
*Notice though, NO number is given in the Ezekiel's prophecy

3) The number, 153, when used with the Gematria (letters have numerical value) equal certain words like En Gedi or other Hebrew words
- yet Hebrew, Aramaic, ; Greek words are all different
- and it would seem hard for any reader to make such connections

4) This was the same number of fish in the Luke 5 event, but it wasn't mentioned in Luke 5

5) Augustine makes note that 17 is a triangular number
- when numbers added together equal a specific sum (ex 17, 153)
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5... 17 = 153
17 = 10 + 7
10 = The 10 comm. Ex. 20
7 = sevenfold spirit of God Rev. 1:4

6) 153 equals the words: "The Church of Love" in Hebrew Gematria... OR "children of God"

7) OR there is NO symbolism and the number was just a fact from counting and John recorded it for accuracy

v.11 and although there were so many large fish, the net was not broken
- maybe this has more symbolism and significance than the number
- Quite a remarkable truth, especially since when this event happened in Luke 5 the net did break
- we are to be fishers of men
- all kinds of men
- the catch throughout time will be extraordinary
- The Gospel ; Kingdom will not break

v.12 Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast."
ἀριστάω: first meal, morning breakfast
- there is a newness about this event, fresh start
- also notice, even after being crowned King...
- Jesus is content w/ a charcoal fire by the shore w/ His disciples

v.12 Yet none of them dared ask Him, "Who are You?" knowing that it was the Lord
- The disciples must have still been in shock over everything
- Plus, there is no doubt the new body wasn't the exact same

v.13 Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them and likewise the fish
- Jesus performs the act of the Jewish host pronouncing the blessing and dissemination the meal
- Jesus continues to meet all of the disciples needs
- Bread and fish have been symbols of christianity for centuries (art, ichthus fish)
α, Ἰησοῦς Χριστός Θεοῦ Υἱός Σωτήρ
Jesus Christ God's Son Savior

v.14 This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He rose from the dead
φανερόω: make known/reveal
makes a nice inclusio from v.1-14