

# 47. Casting the Net on the Right Side

*The Word of the Lord: The New Testament for Young Children*

## Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a) Remember, James and John are “the sons of Zebedee.”
- b) After the Lord instructed them, the disciples threw their net on the opposite side—the right side—and caught many fish.
- c) John immediately realized that the man on the shore was the Lord. Peter was impetuous, as he had been when he walked on the water, throwing himself into the sea in his excitement.
- d) The miracle of catching one-hundred and fifty-three fish after catching none and the net not being broken is enjoyable. The Lord already had fish that He was cooking on the shore and also some bread. We might wonder if His fish and bread were heavenly food. Note that the Lord fed the disciples, as He had the five-thousand. They all knew now that He was indeed the Lord.



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## The Lord Feeds His Disciples Breakfast

After these things, Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberius; and this is how He showed Himself. There were together Simon Peter and Thomas and Nathaniel and the sons of Zebedee and two others of the Lord's disciples.

Simon Peter said to them, "I am going out to fish." They said to him, "We also will go with you." They went out straight away in a ship. But that night they caught nothing.

When the morning came, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you something to eat?" They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the ship." And they cast their net on the right side, and now they had not the strength to draw in the net for it was so heavy with fish.

Then that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." Then Simon Peter, hearing that it was the Lord, put on his coat and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in a boat, and they dragged the net of fishes with them.

As soon as they came to land they saw a fire of coals on the land and a fish laid on it and bread. Then Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have caught." Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, and it was full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three. And though there were so many, the net was not ripped.

Jesus said to them, "Come and eat." And not one of the disciples dared ask Him who He was, knowing that it was the Lord. Then Jesus came and He took the bread and gave it to them and the fish likewise.

This was the third time that Jesus showed Himself to His disciples since He had risen from the dead.

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