

Synchronizing the Resurrection Narratives, Event #20b: Breakfast on the Shore with the Risen Jesus.

Review of the resurrection *events* up to this point (I have narrowed down the *approximate* hour of the events based on sunset of Saturday, April 4, 33 and the sunrise of Sunday, April 5, 33; MM is Mary Magdalene):

- Event #1: Saturday, 5:45 p.m., April 4, 33: Two Marys go to “look” at tomb, Matt. 28:1.
- Event #2: Sunday, 3:00 a.m., April 5, 33: Earthquake and angel from heaven, Matt. 28:2-4.
- Event #3: Sunday, 4:00 a.m., April 5, 33: MM visits the tomb before daybreak, Jn. 20:1.
- Event #4: Sunday, 4:15 a.m.: MM reports empty tomb to John & Peter, Jn. 20:2.
- Event #5: Sunday, 4:30 a.m.: Peter and John run to the tomb, Jn. 20:3-9.
- Event #6: Sunday, 4:40 a.m.: MM returns to tomb & sees 2 angels, Jn. 20:10-13.
- Event #7: Sunday, 4:50 a.m.: MM sees the Risen Lord, Jn. 20:14-17.
- Event #8: Sunday, 5:00 a.m.: MM tells disciples who do not believe her, Jn. 20:18; Mk. 16:9-11.
- Event #9: Sunday, 6:00 a.m.: MM & other women go to tomb of Jesus, Mk. 16:1-3; Lk. 24:1-2.
- Event #10: Sunday, 6:30 a.m.: Women enter tomb; 3 angels, Mt. 28:5-7; Mk 16:4-7; Lk. 24:3-8.
- Event #11: Sunday, 7:00 a.m.: Women run in fear; Jesus meets them, Mt. 28:8-10; Mk. 16:8.
- Event #12: Sunday, 8:00 a.m.: Women went to tell disciples; soldiers report, Mat 28:11-15.
- Event #13: Sunday, 8:10 a.m.: Once again, the disciples do not believe the women, Lk. 24:9-11
- Event #14: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.: However, Peter runs to the tomb a second time, Lk. 24:12.
- Event #15: Sunday, 8:45 a.m.: Private meeting between Jesus and Peter, 1 Cor. 15:5; Lk. 24:34.
- Event #16: Sunday, 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Jesus & 2 travelers to Emmaus, Mk. 16:12; Lk. 24:13-32.
- Event #17: Sunday, 5:00 p.m. The 2 travelers tell the 11 Disciples, Mk. 16:13; Lk. 24:33-35.
- Event #18: Sunday, 5:20 p.m. Thomas leaves; Jesus appears, Lk. 24:36-49; Jn. 20:19-25.
- Event #19: 8 days after the resurrection. Jesus appears to Thomas, Mk. 16:14-18; Jn 20:26-31.
- Event #20: 2 weeks after the resurrection. Jesus appears on shore of Sea of Galilee, Jn 21:1-25.

In the last article I noted how Christ appeared on the shore of the Sea of Galilee and the attitude of John and the action of Peter when they realized it was Him. Note the following breakfast:

John 21:9-14, And so when they got out upon the land, they saw a charcoal fire *already* laid, and fish placed on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have now caught." ¹¹ Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come *and* have breakfast." None of the disciples ventured to question Him, "Who are You?" knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread, and gave them, and the fish likewise. ¹⁴ This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.

When they landed on the shore they saw a fire on the beach and the materials for a simple breakfast. The same hands which were pierced with the nails made the fire and brought the fish and the bread. The God who holds the universe together is the God-man who entered man's world in a real way, and now He is ready to have breakfast with His people. Incredible! What grace! Note how God's grace provides just what His people need: these seven fishermen were very hungry being fatigued from a night's work. What a beautiful picture of how Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord, cares for every part of His servant's nature, and provides for the smallest and the humblest of His servant's necessity—"Jehovahjireh," "The LORD will Provide" (Gen. 22:14).

John tells us that none of the disciples dared to ask Jesus "Who are you?" since they knew who He was. No doubt they were very nervous because of the very unusual circumstances in which they found themselves. They had gone out for a normal fishing trip and had caught nothing though they fished all night. Then, in response to a voice from on shore, they had let down their net and caught an extraordinary number of fish. John, the Beloved Disciple, had told Peter that it was the Lord, so they knew it was He. It is not surprising that they would be nervous and not know what to say. As far as John, we can see that he was cool-headed enough to actually count the fish before they carried some of them to the fire of the coals. This does not sound much like a hot-minded enthusiast who was the slave of some hallucination.

Christ accepts the fish which He provided in grace. He accepts and enjoys the results which His own counsel and grace have enabled man to achieve. This is an illustration of the fact that Christ is glad to accept what He in the first place provides in grace. What we do for Christ by His grace through His Spirit will follow us throughout all of eternity:

Revelation 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

Revelation 22:12 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.

1 Corinthians 3:11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is *to be* revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. ¹⁴ If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. ¹⁵ If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.

All that is done apart from Christ is useless—dead works (John 15:6). All that is done in, with, and by Christ will be recognized forever. Christ is the only One who can provide the grace, power, blessings, and blessedness for anyone willing to listen to His words!

Blessed by Grace,

Pastor Don



(Good pic except for the long hair on Jesus)