

# The Great Catch: Renewal and Care in the Gospels



Explore Jesus' post-resurrection encounter at the sea, revealing renewed calling and Christ's steadfast care over seven days.

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## Introduction

Welcome to this inspiring 7-day journey through the Gospel passage of the **Great Catch of Fish in John 21:1–14**. This narrative takes place after Jesus' resurrection, offering a powerful glimpse into His ongoing care for His disciples and the renewal of their calling. As we delve into this story, we will see how Jesus meets His followers in their moments of uncertainty and reminds us of His unfailing love and purpose for our lives.

Within the Gospels, Jesus' resurrection appearances are filled with profound encouragement and new beginnings. The scene by the Sea of Galilee captures a moment where Peter and the disciples are fishing, yet they have caught nothing—reflecting perhaps their confusion or discouragement after Jesus' crucifixion. Then, Jesus appears, directing them to cast their nets again. The miraculous catch of fish symbolizes abundance, divine provision, and a fresh start.

Throughout this week, we'll explore key themes such as trust, obedience, restoration, and mission. You will be invited to reflect deeply on how Jesus reaches out to us in our daily lives, renews our calling despite past failures, and lovingly provides for our needs. Whether you feel spiritually dry, uncertain about your purpose, or in need of reassurance of God's active presence, this study will encourage and strengthen you.

*Let us embark on this journey together, opening our hearts to the living Christ who calls us to follow Him anew and cares for us every step of the way.*







## Day 1: Encounter at the Sea



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## Your Verse

*John 21:1 - "Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Luke 24:36-38 - "Jesus himself stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'"*
- *Mark 16:14 - "Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe."*



Day 1:  Encounter at the Sea

## Devotional: Recognizing Jesus in the Ordinary Moments

After Jesus' resurrection, His followers were confused and grieving. Yet, Jesus chose an ordinary setting—a simple shore and a fishing activity—to reveal **Himself**. This encounter reminds us that God meets us in the everyday. Sometimes, when we feel lost or discouraged, it's easy to miss Jesus' presence. But He is there, patiently waiting for us to recognize Him.

John specifically highlights that Jesus appears by the Sea of Galilee, a familiar place to the disciples. This ordinary locale becomes the stage of a divine revelation. How often do we expect God only in special events, when He is actually working behind the scenes in our routines? Our daily life can become a sacred space if we stay attentive.

*As you reflect today, seek to notice Jesus in the simple activities and moments around you. Open your eyes and heart to His presence, especially when life feels uncertain.*



Day 1: 🎣 Encounter at the Sea

## Reflect and Apply

1. When was the last time you recognized God at work in a routine or ordinary moment?

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2. Do you sometimes overlook God's presence because you expect it to look a certain way?

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3. How might you cultivate greater awareness of Christ's presence in your daily life?

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Day 1: 🧜‍♂️ Encounter at the Sea

## Journaling Prompts

1. Describe a recent 'ordinary' moment where you felt God's presence or guidance.

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2. Write down any distractions that keep you from noticing God daily.

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3. List ways you can become more attentive to Jesus in your everyday life.

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Day 1: 🎧 Encounter at the Sea

## Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus**, thank You for meeting us where we are, even in the most ordinary places. Help me to open my eyes and heart to Your presence today. Teach me to see Your hand in the simple moments, knowing You are always near. Renew my eyes to recognize You more clearly. *Guide me to trust and follow You faithfully.* Amen. 🙏🎧🌅





## Day 2: The Disciples' Struggle



## Your Verse

*John 21:3 – "Simon Peter said, 'I'm going out to fish,' and they said, 'We'll go with you.'"*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 14:28-31 – Peter walks on water but begins to sink when doubt overcomes him.*
- *Psalms 42:5 – 'Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?'*



## Day 2: 🌊 The Disciples' Struggle

## Devotional: Feeling Lost and Seeking Direction

After Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples returned to what they knew—fishing—but caught nothing. Their hearts were likely heavy with confusion, disappointment, and uncertainty about their future. Like the disciples, we often revert to familiar patterns when life feels overwhelming or when God's plans seem unclear. Peter's decision to fish again reveals a human struggle to find meaning and direction after trauma or loss.

This struggle is normal; the disciples' apparent failure sets the stage for Jesus' miraculous intervention. It encourages us in our low moments to keep moving forward, even if we don't yet see results. Our efforts are never wasted when done with open hearts toward God's guidance.

*Consider your own struggles and moments of feeling stuck. Jesus is inviting you to trust Him, even before the breakthrough.*



## Day 2: 🌊 The Disciples' Struggle

## Reflect and Apply

1. In what areas of your life do you feel like you are 'fishing without success' right now?

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2. How do you usually respond to seasons of uncertainty or discouragement?

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3. What might it look like to obey Jesus' direction even when the results aren't immediate?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time when you felt uncertain but still acted in faith.

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2. List any 'familiar patterns' you tend to fall back on when discouraged.

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3. Reflect on what you need to trust God more fully right now.

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Day 2: 🌊 The Disciples' Struggle

## Prayer for Today

Jesus, in moments of struggle and doubt, help me to lean on You. When I feel lost or discouraged, remind me that You see my efforts and walk with me. Give me courage to obey Your direction, even when I can't see the full path. Renew my hope and keep my heart open to Your plans. *Thank You that You never abandon us.* Amen. 🙏🌊🙏







## Day 3: Jesus' Tender Invitation



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## Your Verse

*John 21:5-6 - "He said, 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.' When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Isaiah 55:1 - 'Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters.'*
- *Revelation 3:20 - 'Here I am! I stand at the door and knock.'*



## Devotional: Obedience Unlocks Abundance

Jesus gently instructs the disciples to cast their nets on the right side, leading to a miraculous catch. The invitation is tender, yet powerful—obedience brings blessing. This teaches us about the blessings that stem from trusting Jesus' guidance, even when it seems counterintuitive or when past efforts have failed.

Our obedience is a step of faith. Sometimes God's directions don't align with our plans or understanding. Yet He knows what we need and how to provide in abundance. When we yield to His voice, it can result in surprising and joyous breakthroughs.

*Today, reflect on areas where Jesus may be prompting you to act differently or to trust Him more fully. How can you respond in obedience to unlock the blessings He desires to pour out in your life?*



## Reflect and Apply

1. Are there areas where you feel God is inviting you to obedience but you hesitate?

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2. How do you respond when God's instructions challenge your own plans?

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3. Can you recall a time when obedience led to unexpected blessings?

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Day 3:  Jesus' Tender Invitation

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a recent time you obeyed God's direction and what happened.

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2. Identify one step of faith you can take this week in response to God's call.

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3. Describe how obedience might bring renewal to your current struggles.

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Day 3: 🧑 Jesus' Tender Invitation

## Prayer for Today

**Lord**, help me to hear Your voice clearly and obey Your instructions wholeheartedly. Even when I don't understand, teach me to trust You and follow where You lead. Thank You for the abundance that comes when I step out in faith. Renew my spirit and fill me afresh with Your provision. Amen. ✨





## Day 4: 📖 Jesus Feeds His Disciples



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## Your Verse

*John 21:12-13 - "Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 14:19 - Jesus feeds the 5,000 with loaves and fishes.*
- *Psalms 23:5 - 'You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.'*





Day 4: 🟡 Jesus Feeds His Disciples

## Devotional: Nourishment for Body and Soul

**After the miraculous catch, Jesus shares a meal with the disciples, demonstrating His care for both their physical and spiritual needs.** This act of feeding highlights God's holistic provision: He cares deeply about every aspect of our lives.

In our fast-paced world, we often neglect times of rest and nourishment. Jesus reminds us to pause and receive His sustenance. Sharing a meal fosters relationship and renewal, symbolizing fellowship with Him and others.

*Consider what 'feeding' you need today—whether physical rest, spiritual renewal, or purposeful connection with Jesus and community.*



Day 4: 🟡 Jesus Feeds His Disciples

## Reflect and Apply

1. How do you experience God's provision in your life beyond the spiritual —physically and emotionally?

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2. When was the last time you took intentional time to rest and refresh with God?

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3. What habits help you stay nourished and connected to Jesus daily?

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Day 4: 🟡 Jesus Feeds His Disciples

## Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on ways God has provided for you recently.

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2. Write about your current need for rest or spiritual nourishment.

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3. Plan one new habit that will help you stay connected and refreshed.

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Day 4: 📖 Jesus Feeds His Disciples

## Prayer for Today

Jesus, thank You for Your care that nourishes my body, mind, and soul. Help me to receive Your provision and find rest in Your presence. Teach me to prioritize time with You and those You place around me. May I always remember Your loving care in every season. Amen. 📖 🙏 ❤️





## Day 5: Renewal of Peter's Calling



Day 5:  Renewal of Peter's Calling

## Your Verse

*John 21:15 – "Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Feed my lambs.'"*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 16:18-19 – Jesus gives Peter the keys of the kingdom.*
- *1 Peter 5:2 – 'Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care.'*



Day 5:  Renewal of Peter's Calling

## Devotional: Restoring Purpose and Mission

In this pivotal moment, Jesus restores Peter after his earlier denial and reaffirms his purpose by commissioning him to 'feed my lambs.' Jesus offers grace and renewal, not condemnation, even when we fail. This call invites us to embrace God's mission despite our imperfections.

Peter's restoration shows how Christ's love heals and empowers us to move forward. Our failures don't disqualify us; rather, they deepen our dependence on His strength. Jesus asks us to care for others, to lead with compassion, and to participate in His redemptive work.

*Reflect on your own calling and how Jesus is inviting you to recommit to His mission today.*



## Reflect and Apply

1. Have you experienced restoration or renewal in your calling after a failure?

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2. How does God's grace enable you to pursue His mission despite past mistakes?

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3. What does 'feeding others' look like in your personal context?

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Day 5:  Renewal of Peter's Calling

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about any discouragements you need to give to Jesus for healing.

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2. Describe your current understanding of God's calling on your life.

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3. List practical ways you can 'feed' or care for those around you.

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Day 5: 🔄 Renewal of Peter's Calling

## Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus**, thank You for restoring me and renewing my calling. Please heal any wounds from past failures and fill me with Your grace. Help me to faithfully serve others as You lead me. Empower me to live out Your mission with love and courage. Amen. ❤️ 🙏 🌿





## Day 6: ✨ Evidence of Christ's Care



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## Your Verse

*John 21:9 - "When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Exodus 16:4 - God provides manna in the wilderness.*
- *Philippians 4:19 - 'My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.'*



Day 6: ✨ Evidence of Christ's Care

## Devotional: God's Constant Provision

**The charcoal fire with fish and bread symbolizes Jesus' tender provision and ongoing care for His disciples.** Even after resurrection, Jesus continues to provide comfort and sustenance, showing that He knows and meets our needs.

This image reminds us that God doesn't just save us once but walks with us daily, providing what we need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. His care is consistent and personal.

*Think about how God has provided in your life recently and how that encourages trust in His faithfulness.*



Day 6: ✨ Evidence of Christ's Care

## Reflect and Apply

1. In what ways have you experienced God's provision recently?

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2. How can remembering God's daily care influence your trust when facing challenges?

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3. What specific needs do you want to bring before Jesus today, trusting His provision?

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Day 6: ✨ Evidence of Christ's Care

## Journaling Prompts

1. Record examples of God's provision in your life over the past month.

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2. Write a prayer expressing trust in God's care.

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3. Reflect on how God's provision has supported you spiritually and physically.

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Day 6: ✨ Evidence of Christ's Care

## Prayer for Today

**Father God**, thank You for Your constant provision and care. Even when I feel uncertain, You prepare a table before me and meet my needs. Increase my trust in Your faithfulness and teach me to rest in Your care every day. Amen.







## Day 7: Renewed Mission to Follow



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## Your Verse

*John 21:18-19 - "Jesus said, 'When you were younger, you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands... Follow me.'"*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Luke 9:23 - 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily.'*
- *Matthew 28:19-20 - The Great Commission to 'go and make disciples.'*



## Devotional: Following Jesus with Renewed Purpose

**Jesus affirms that following Him is lifelong and transformative. He outlines the cost but also the honor of living as His disciple.** This call challenges us to pursue a renewed commitment—walking by faith, embracing sacrifice, and trusting God’s plans.

Peter’s restored calling reflects our own journey of growth and perseverance. The invitation to ‘Follow me’ is both a present reality and a future hope, guiding us to live intentionally for Christ’s kingdom today.

*As you close this study, consider how you will follow Jesus with renewed dedication and trust.*



## Reflect and Apply

1. What does 'following Jesus' mean to you personally right now?

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2. Are there sacrifices or changes God is calling you to make to follow Him more closely?

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3. How can you keep your commitment to Jesus strong during challenging seasons?

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Day 7:  Renewed Mission to Follow

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write your personal response to Jesus' call to follow Him anew.

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2. Identify specific steps you can take to deepen your discipleship.

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3. Reflect on past seasons of faithfulness and areas for growth.

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Day 7: 🙏 Renewed Mission to Follow

## Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus**, thank You for Your call to follow You. Strengthen my heart to embrace the journey, with all its challenges and joys. Help me to walk faithfully each day, trusting Your guidance and love. May my life reflect Your glory and purpose. Amen. ✚ 🙏 🙏





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