

When the Good News Becomes Too Familiar

John 21:1-15

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

How enthusiastic are you when the Good News becomes _____?

But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." Matthew 26:32

Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." Matthew 28:10

"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. John 21:3

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. John 21:4

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Matthew 28:16-17

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

Christ was the first to rise from the _____

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 1 Corinthians 15:20

We will be like _____ when He appears

But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 1 John 3:2

Our bodies will be transformed from mortal to immortal

For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 1 Corinthians 15:53

He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" John 21:5

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." John 21:6

There will be a few occasions in your life when

the Lord's commandments seem_____.

This is love for God: to obey his commands. And His commands are not burdensome 1 John 5:3

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38

"I hate divorce," says the LORD God of Israel Malachi 2:16

Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. Romans 12:19

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. John 21:6

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." John 21:10

Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. John 21:11

Three lessons to apply from Jesus appearing to the Disciples.

1. Fluctuating enthusiasm is natural—be_____.

2. Maintain your _____, even when your enthusiasm wanes—be obedient.

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Even in the routine—always remember...

- Only Jesus Christ's death forgives your _____
- Only His Holy Spirit empowers your present
- Only His resurrection gives you assurance for the future

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. **Ephesians 4:32***

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! **Philippians 4:4***

*Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. **Psalms 100:1-2 (KJV)***

*Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. **2 Timothy 4:2***

3. Anticipate Christ's appearance at any moment—be _____.

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*"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. **Mark 13:32-33***

*If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'" **Mark 13:36-37***

*There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. **Luke 21:11***

"When the Whole World Begins to _____"

*For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. **Romans 1:20***

We are not expected to maintain a high level of intensity all the time.

But we are expected to be _____ constantly.

Key: familiar, dead, Him, unreasonable, realistic, priorities, past, alert, Scream, obedient