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²¹⁻¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' ⁶He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

- **Read and re-read** – out loud and slowly the Gospel.
- **Meditate** - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.

- **Pray** - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.
- **Action** – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).

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In this week's gospel we see Jesus showing himself again by the Sea of Tiberias. He stood by the shore while Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathaniel, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples went fishing. Jesus saw they were having difficulty catching fish. He told them to change the direction of where they threw their nets and they filled them to the brim. They then had a meal together when Jesus revealed who he was. After the meal Jesus asked Simon son of John, "do you love me?". He asked him this three times and Simon answered yes to this question each time. Are there times in our lives when we went about our daily tasks but without enthusiasm, just going through the motions like Simon Peter and nothing seemed to work? Who were the people like Jesus who encouraged us to try again in a new way and things began to come right?

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for the people in our lives who like Jesus stand by us and offer advice so gently that we find ourselves listening to them and finding new direction.

Forgive us Lord for the times we felt we could do things without your presence within us. This presence never fails us even though at times we do not recognise it just like the disciples not recognising the presence of Jesus on the shore.

Lord help us to be like Jesus who when people are struggling, stand beside them and offer advice so discreetly that they do not know we are doing so but it turns out to be just the right word and the people once more discover their abilities