

RELEARNING ANCIENT BIBLE STORIES IN A BRAND-NEW WAY

**EPIC TALES**

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# ***Restoration of Peter***

## ***John 21***



# ***Jesus Called His Disciples***

[Beginning of His ministry] Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, **“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”** Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. Matthew 4:18-22

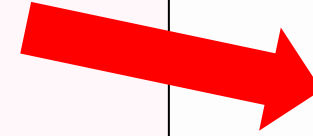
**[Near the ending of His ministry] Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men. Matthew 28:1-4**

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. **He is not here, for He has risen**, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, **He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him**; behold, I have told you.”

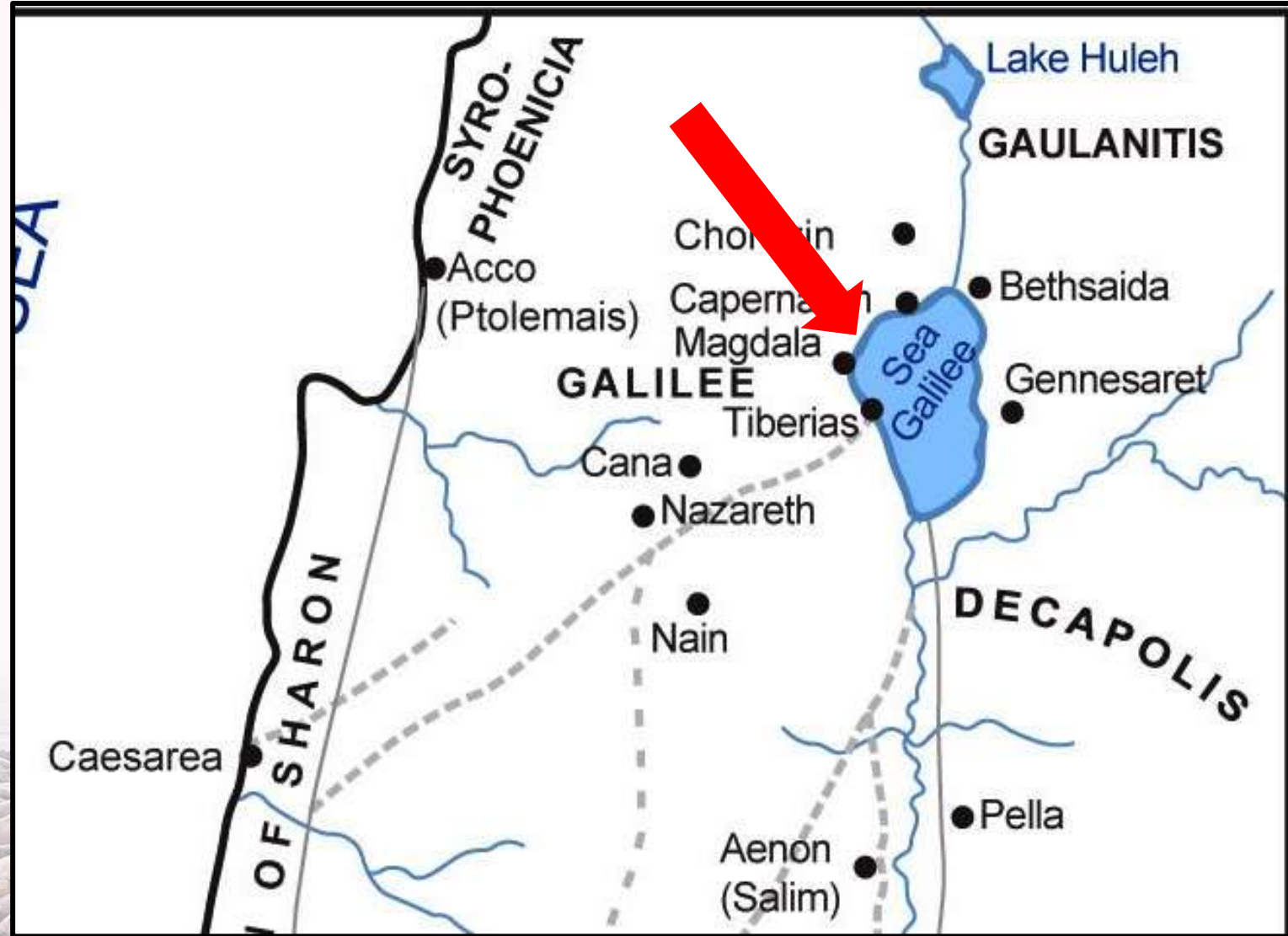
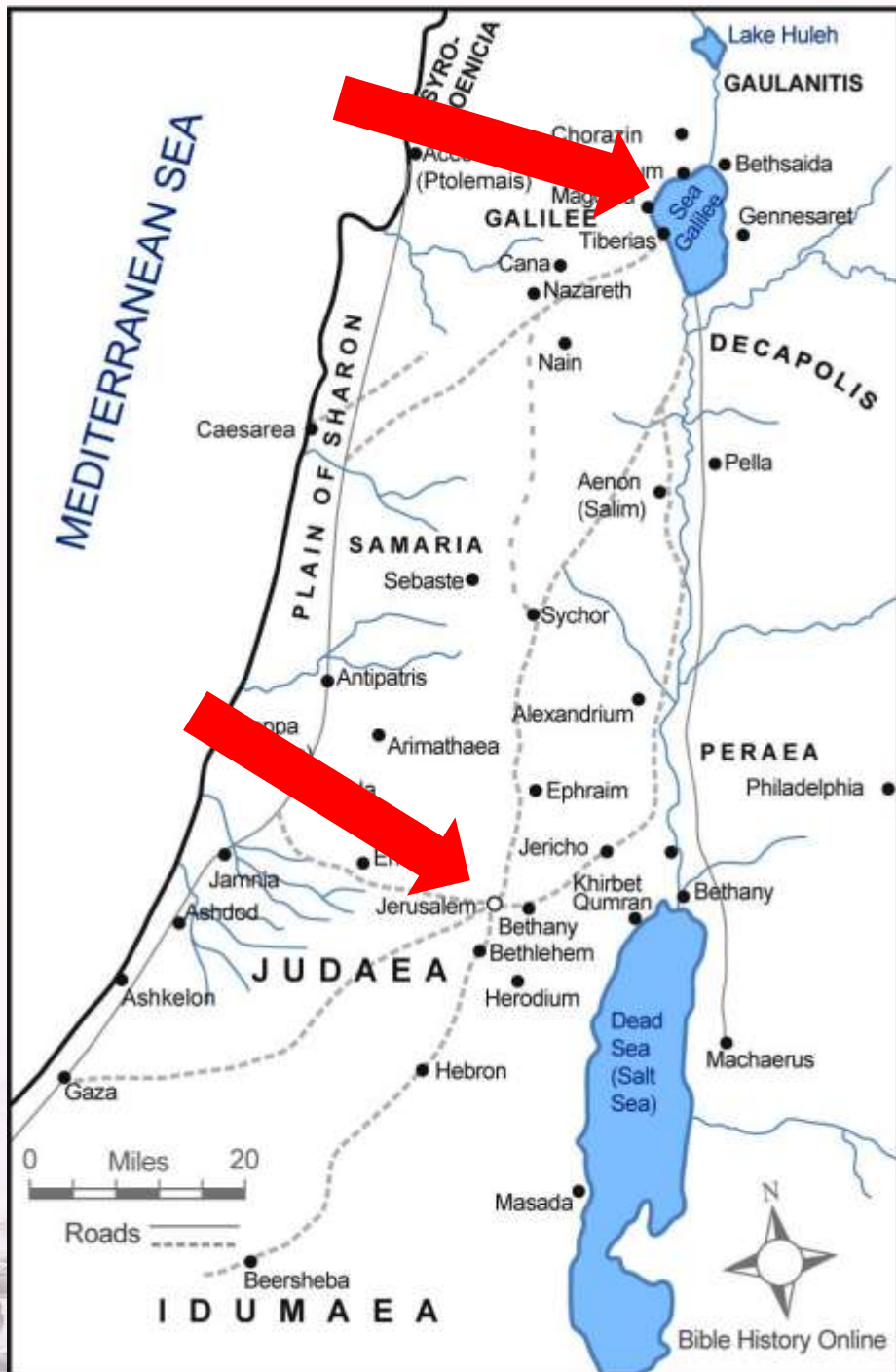
**Matthew 28:5-7**

After these things Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested Himself in this way. John 21:1

\*Triumphal Entry on Palm Sunday, the expectation of a new Messianic kingdom, betrayal by Judas Iscariot, Last Passover Supper, Jesus' arrest, denials of Jesus by Peter, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the appearances of the Risen Savior.



# The Land of Israel during the time of Jesus

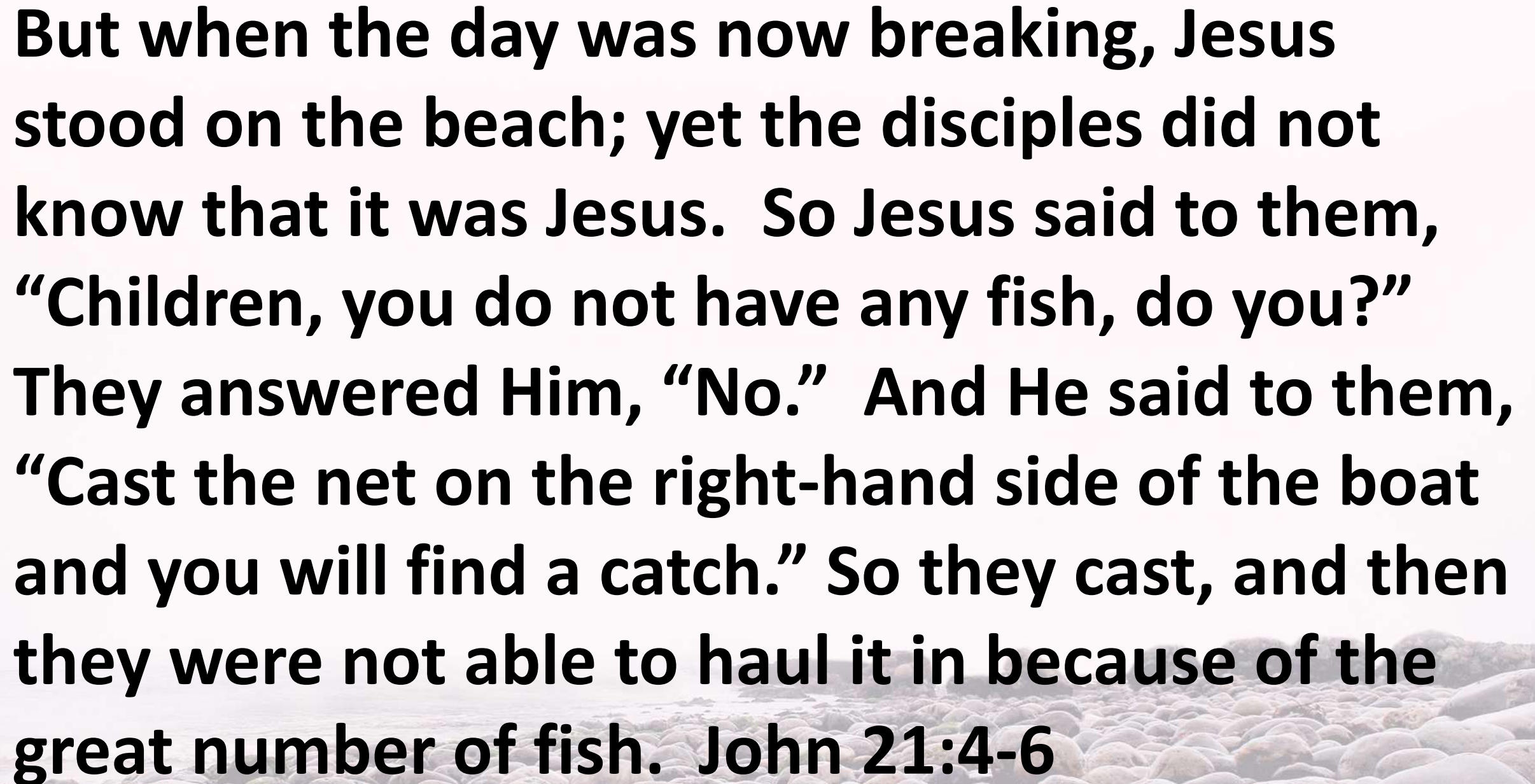


**Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus [Greek for “twin”], and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will also come with you.” They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing. John 21:2-3**

**\*Disciples present: Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James, John, two others (likely Andrew and Philip)**



**But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. So Jesus said to them, “Children, you do not have any fish, do you?” They answered Him, “No.” And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch.” So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish. John 21:4-6**



# Shore of Sea of Galilee looking East



**Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved [Apostle John] said to Peter, “It is the Lord.” So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped for work), and threw himself into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net full of fish. So when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal fire already laid and fish placed on it, and bread. John 21:7-9**

## ***Looking back about a week earlier...***

**So the Roman cohort and the commander and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him, and led Him to Annas first; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. Now Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people. Simon Peter was following Jesus, and so was another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought Peter in. Then the slave-girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." John 18:12-17**





**Now the slaves and the officers were standing there, having made a charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter was also with them, standing and warming himself. John 18:18**

**The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples, and about His teaching. Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world; I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret. Why do you question Me? Question those who have heard what I spoke to them; they know what I said.” When He had said this, one of the officers standing nearby struck Jesus, saying, “Is that the way You answer the high priest?” Jesus answered him, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify of the wrong; but if rightly, why do you strike Me?” So Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.**

**John 18:19-24**

**Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself [by the charcoal fire]. So they said to him, “You are not also one of His disciples, are you?” He denied it, and said, “I am not.” One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?” Peter then denied it again, and immediately a **rooster crowed**. John 18:25-27**



# ***Was it really a rooster?***



- The Greek word used in John 18:27 is “alektor ἀλέκτωρ” which means a rooster, so translators of the KJV chose to use “rooster” without any further investigation. The text was originally written in Greek but the gospel writers were Hebrew speakers and would think Hebraically as opposed to thinking like a Greek.
- The Hebrew noun “gever גֵּבֶר” can mean “man” OR “rooster” and this would be the word which the writers of Scripture would have been thinking of when writing the original text.
- Roosters and chickens were not allowed in the city of Jerusalem while the Temple stood. Roosters can find their way into just about any area. The Sanhedrin made a ruling which prohibited roosters and chickens from being in Jerusalem for fear that they may find their way into The Holy Place and The Most Holy (Kodesh) Place.
- The subject in these verses was not a rooster, but a man called “the Temple Crier” and it was his duty to announce the morning Tamid service (daily offerings) in the Temple by giving a three-fold cry for the Levites to prepare for the service and go to their posts and for the Ma’amad (the standing men) to come for worship.

# ***Was it really a rooster?***

- **Misunderstanding of the Temple practices by translators has created problems in understanding what the phrase “rooster crows” actually means. This “rooster” was likely a man, an opinion held by many historians and commentators.**
- **When Yeshua was being led out of the courtyard that Passover morning, the Temple Crier’s voice was heard by Yeshua and Peter, telling the people that the morning burnt offering sacrifice was getting ready to be offered in the Temple. We know from archeology that priestly housing was very near to the southwestern wall of the Temple where the crier stood.**
- **In literal fulfillment of this, Yeshua was led away to be offered as the Passover lamb and the Tamid offering. The Tamid (meaning “continuous”) was offered every morning and evening and it remained on the altar as a continual burnt offering (Exodus 29:38-42; Numbers 28:1-8) and was a picture of Yeshua who “is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them” (Hebrews 7:25).**



Back to the Sea of Galilee a week after the Resurrection...

**So when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal fire already laid and fish placed on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have now caught.” 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. John 21:9-11**

# Why 153 fish?

- Have you ever met a fisherman?
- The number 153 is “17 factorial”
- $1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10+11+12+13+14+15+16+17=153$
- In Hebraic numerology, the number 17 refers to the concept of “overcoming the enemy” or “total victory.”

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נ	n	50	+	
י	i	10	+	
א	e	1	+	
ל	l	30	+	
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**Why 153 fish?**

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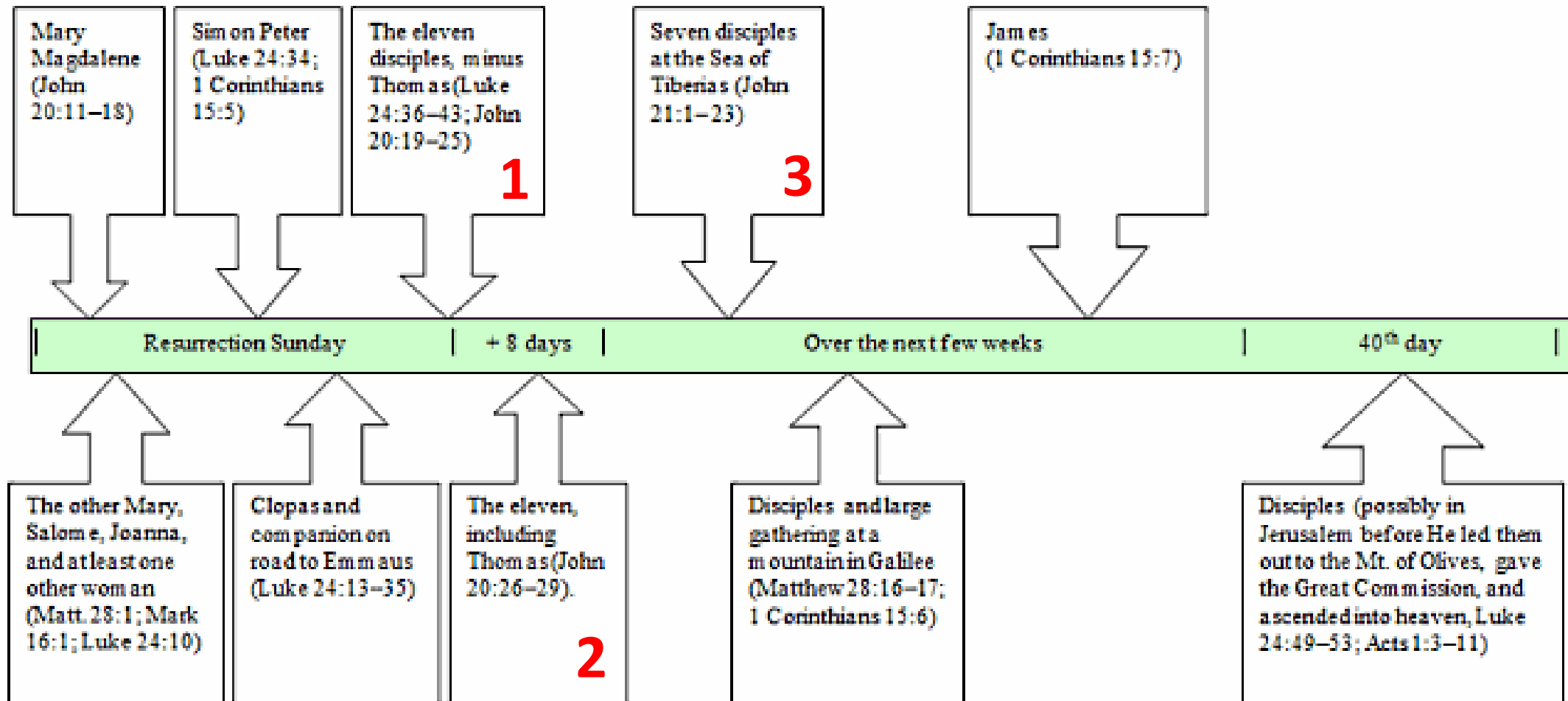
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“I am God”

**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. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the fish likewise. This is now the **third time** that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead. John 21:12-14**



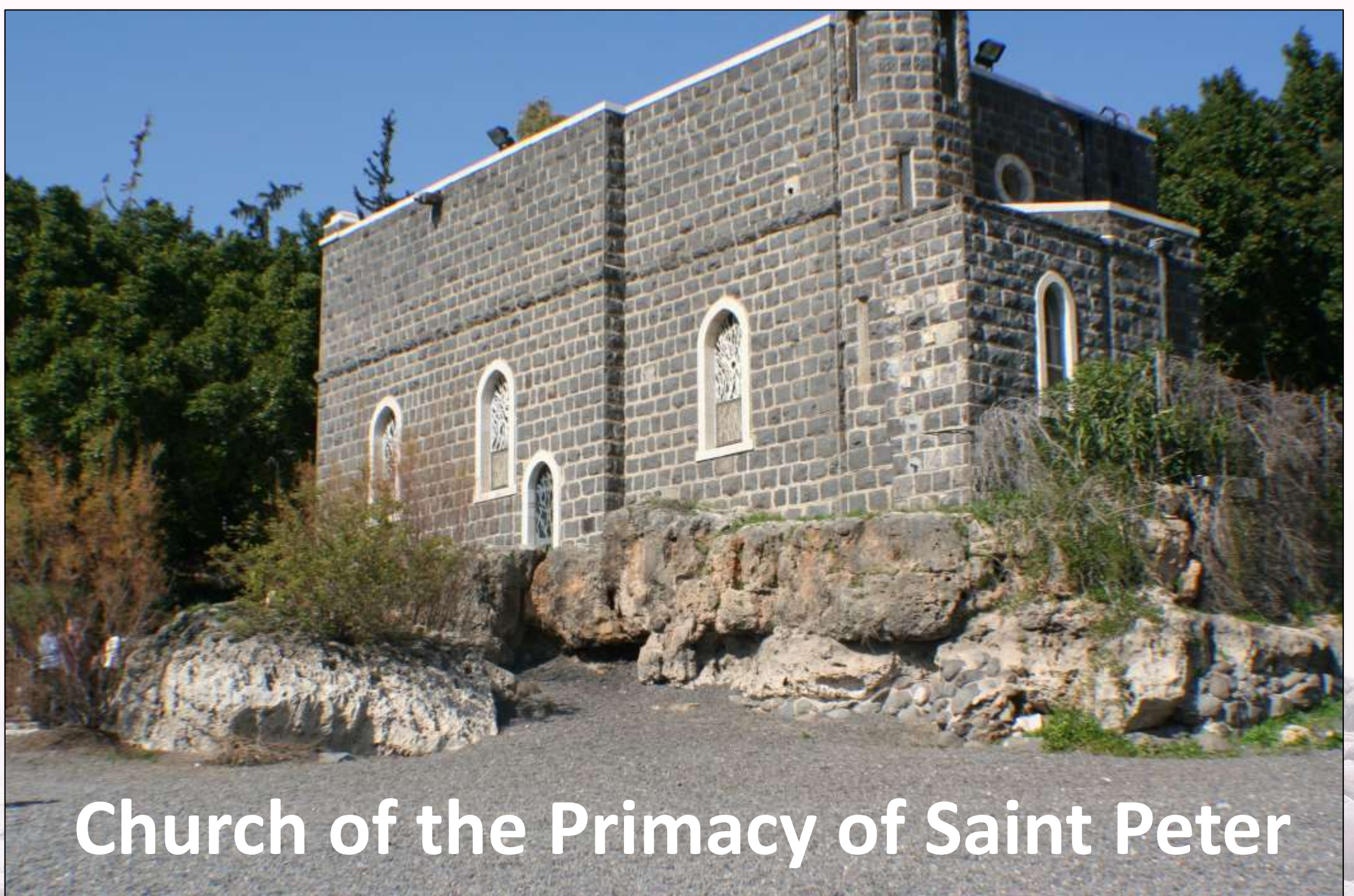
# Timeline of the Post-Resurrection Appearances





**Church of the Primacy of Saint Peter**





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## ***Years later, Peter would say...***

**“We are witnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross. God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible, not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, that is, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.”**

**Acts 10:39-41**

**\*People NEVER forget experiencing the love and restoration of Jesus**

**So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you **love** (agape ἀγαπάω) Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I **love** (phileo φιλέω) You.” He said to him, “**Tend** (bosko βόσκω) My lambs.” John 21:15**

- **He [Jesus] said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. Matthew 16:15-17**

- **These are the two times Jesus calls Peter “Simon son of Jonah (John).” Peter acted like Jonah by disobeying God and running away.**

# ***Greek words for the verb “Love”***

- **Agape** ἀγάπη - affection, good will, love, benevolence. “Unconditional Love.”
- **Phileo** φιλέω - to love, to approve of, to like, sanction, to treat affectionately or kindly, to welcome, befriend. “Brotherly Love.”



He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you **love** (agape ἀγαπάω) Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I **love** (phileo φιλέω) You.” He said to him, “**Shepherd** (ποιμαίνω) My sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you **love** (phileo φιλέω) Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you **love** (phileo φιλέω) Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I **love** (phileo φιλέω) You.” Jesus said to him, “**Tend** (bosko βόσκω) My sheep.” John 21:16-17

# ***Greek words for “Feed” or “Tend”***

• **βόσκω boskō** to feed; to herd. Verb; translated as “feed” eight times, and “keep” once. Meaning “to feed; portraying the duty of a Christian teacher to promote in every way the spiritual welfare of the members of the church.”

• **ποιμαίνω poimainō** to shepherd. Verb; translated as “feed” six times, “rule” four times, and “feed cattle” once. Meanings: to feed, to tend a flock, keep sheep

# ***What does it mean to “tend” sheep?***

- love, teach, encourage, show patience, lead, bring along, give hope
- Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person. Colossians 4:5-6
- Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear. Ephesians 4:29
- As followers of Jesus, we need to speak and act in a way that honors God and in a way that the world understands.

# ***What does it not mean to “tend” sheep?***

Boss around, judge, impress, entertain, beg, guilt trip, confuse, pretend



# ***God's Calling is Trustworthy***

**“Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go.” Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me!” John 21:18-19**

**The original calling to discipleship...**

**And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Matthew 4:19**

**First Melissa's calling is to  
make disciples of Jesus who reach  
intentionally, connect authentically,  
equip continuously, and live passionately.**

**Remember...**

**There is a cost to discipleship**



**Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved [Apostle John] following them; the one who also had leaned back on His bosom at the supper and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?” So Peter seeing him said to Jesus, “Lord, and what about this man?” Jesus said to him, “If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!” Therefore this saying went out among the brethren that that disciple would not die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but only, “If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?”**

**John 21:20-23**

**What do you need from God  
when you really mess up?**

**What do you long for after  
disobeying your Savior?**

**Restoration**



# What does Jesus ask you to do if you have been Restored?

And He [Jesus] said to him, “ **You shall love the Lord your God** with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**’ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 22:37-40

- If Jesus really is God, what's next?
- If Jesus really is alive now, what's next?
- If Jesus really died for me, what's next?
- If Jesus really is the Savior, what's next?
- If Jesus really is my Savior, what's next?
- If Jesus really has forgiven my sin, what's next?

**He says... "Follow Me"**