

## Kefa Goes Fishing One More Time ~ Part 2

In my last post, we examined when **Kefa Goes Fishing One More Time ~ Part 1**. In this post, we continue with **Kefa Goes Fishing One More Time ~ Part 2**.

We pick up the story as the fishermen haul their large catch to shore:

***<sup>9</sup> When they stepped ashore, they saw a fire of burning coals with a fish on it and some bread.***

***<sup>10</sup> Yeshua said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."***

Although **Yeshua** provides as he did in the feeding of the five thousand, this time, he gives them a chance to share as the lad had in with his loaves and fishes.

***<sup>11</sup> Shim'on Kefa went up and dragged the net ashore. It was full of fish, 153 of them, but even with so many, the net wasn't torn.***

Various attempts have been made to interpret the number **153** symbolically, but most likely, it merely represents the actual number of fish. Large numbers elsewhere in **Yochanan** are meant literally as well (2:6; 12:3).<sup>1</sup>

When they arrived on the beach, they saw that **Yeshua** had cooked breakfast of **fish** and **bread** on **a fire of burning coals**. The Greek word for **burning coals** appears two times in **Yochanan's** Gospel: here and at 18:18 when **Kefa** was warming himself by another such blaze. On that occasion, **Kefa** had denied three times that he knew **Yeshua**. Thus, the Lord was reminding **Kefa** of his recent past. We can be confident of this because of the conversation that follows. **Kefa** never forgot this meal; he even mentioned it in his preaching (see Acts 10:41).

***<sup>12</sup> Yeshua said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the talmidim dared to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Yeshua came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Yeshua had appeared to the talmidim after being raised from the dead.***

**Yeshua** invited them to join Him for breakfast. **Yochanan** tells us that **none of the talmidim dared to ask him, Who are you?** They all recognized that this was their risen **Lord**. **This was now the third time Yeshua had appeared to the talmidim after being raised from the dead.** The Resurrection of **Yeshua** was neither a fairytale nor a hallucination. He **showed himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. During a period of forty days, they saw him, and he spoke with them about the Kingdom of God.** Acts 1:3 (CJB) As **Yeshua** himself told them, **Look at my hands and my feet — it is I, myself! Touch me and see — a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones, as you can see, I do.**" Luke 24:39 (CJB)

In my next post, we continue with **Kefa Goes Fishing One More Time ~ Part 3** when **Yeshua** asks **Kefa**, **do you love me more than these?**

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<sup>1</sup> HCSB Study Bible.