

## COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

### ⑤ Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection - The Gospel of John

#### INTRODUCTION | Jesus appears

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Jesus goes back to Galilee and appears to the depressed disciples, giving them a big encouragement. From this passage, we can think again about Jesus' resurrection and clarify some misunderstandings on the subject. Secondly, let's think of how Jesus' resurrection affects our daily life. Finally, let's focus on the hope it brings.

#### SCRIPTURE | John 21: 1-14

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21:1 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 3 "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. 4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. 5 He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered. 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. 7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. 8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. 9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." 11 So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

#### QUESTIONS |

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- 1: (verses 1-4) The disciples had already seen Jesus after his resurrection, but they did not recognize him. Why?
- 2: (verses 5-6) What did Jesus command to the disciples? What kind of person is the resurrected Jesus?
- 3: How does Jesus lead our life since he resurrected from the dead?
- 4: (verses 7-8) How does Peter react when he understands that it is Jesus? How state of heart does it reflect?
- 5: (verses 9-13) Jesus eats breakfast with his disciples. He resurrected, lives and has a physical body? How does he bring encouragement in the life of those who believe in him?
- 6: How does it change your life to know that Jesus is with you?

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### PRAYER |

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- As Jesus appeared to the disciples several times after his resurrection, he is with those who believe in him. Even when we are discouraged or when we fail, he prepared the best for us. Let's praise our resurrected Jesus and be thankful to God.
- The kingdom of God we can access thanks to Jesus is a place of consolation and encouragement. It will be like an eternal feast. Jesus resurrected with a physical body and wants to guide us to a perfect world. On the opposite, we tend to fail and be driven by our worries. But we can have hope and rely on Jesus.

### UPCOMING EVENTS | This Week & Next Week

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lunch time meeting (19 Akasaka, 20 Kasumigaseki, 21 Otemachi), baptism class (20)

crossroad Bible study (24), lunch time meeting (27 Marunouchi, 28 Otemachi)

worship & fellowship (5/1, from 14:00, @ Hamarikyū Asahi Hall), members' class (1), retreat (3-5, @ Karuizawa retreat center)