

# Jesus IOI

## “Grace Thoughts”



A short devotional to help get you excited about Jesus!

*They saw a charcoal fire already laid and fish placed on it, and bread. . . . Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” –John 21:9-12*

When we are concerned about a loved one who is in need of help, peace, or guidance, it is crucial to remember that God is even more interested in their well-being than we are! When Abraham had to send Hagar and Ishmael away, he was greatly distressed because of his son (Genesis 21:9-21). As they wandered about in the wilderness, God heard the lad crying, and He provided water and all they needed. God is always attentive to all our needs and those of our loved ones.

Yesterday we started studying the third manifestation of the risen Christ to a group of His disciples in the Gospel of John. He appeared to them by the Sea of Galilee (Sea of Tiberias). After they had unsuccessfully tried to catch fish all night, He addressed 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 21:5, 6). That’s when they realized that it was the Lord, and Peter threw himself into the sea (verse 7). They brought in one hundred fifty-three large fish (verse 11). This miraculous catch was reminiscent of a similar event at the beginning of the disciples’ call to public ministry (Luke 5:1-11), when they had left everything to follow Him. Now they were reminded of their calling, after the death and resurrection of Jesus. And I am extremely touched that Jesus, knowing that they had a hard and unfruitful night, prepared a hot breakfast for them! When they got out of the water, they found a charcoal fire lit and some fish and bread. And, evocative of the Lord’s Supper, Jesus, “took the bread and gave it to them” (John 21:13). Later, Jesus restored Peter, who had denied Him, back to ministry. Jesus supplied them with a great miracle, a warm breakfast, and a restoration to ministry, all in the same morning. The same God who has saved us, is *attentive* to *all* of our needs. I invite you to submit yourself and your loved ones into His loving and vigilant care.