



May 5, 2019 Jn. 21: 1-19 & Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

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ENTERING THE SCENE:

Every ending is a new beginning that hasn't revealed itself as yet. This is the message of Easter. This is what the disciples of today's reading have yet to discover. Standing on the shore, Jesus could see what they could not see, and directed them where to lower their nets. God is viewing our lives from "another shore" and can tell us where to lower our nets, if we but are willing to listen. This is the process of becoming a disciple, that is, one who is a student of a teacher. God's process of calling each of us into our future seems to be the same for all ages. The details are different, the process is the same. Just when we revert to old ways in times when the future is not clear to us, we discover that there is no going back. This is the creative moment when God's voice comes to us from the edges of our consciousness to beckon us into our future. The task is to willingly take this call and follow wherever it may lead us. Our faith promises that it leads us to God.

[John 21:1-19](#)

21 After these things Jesus **showed himself again** to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon 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.** ⁴ **Just after daybreak,** Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples **did not know** that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "**Children,** you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He 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. ⁷ That **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 sea.** ⁸ But 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. ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with **fish** on it, and **bread.** ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and **hauled** the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the **net was not torn.** ¹² Jesus 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. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the **third time that** Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was **raised from the dead.** ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you **love (agape) me more than these?**" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that **I love (philos) you.**" Jesus said to him, "Feed my **lambs.**" ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you **love (Agape) me?**" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He 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 (philos) you.**" Jesus said to him, "Feed my **sheep.**" ¹⁸ Very 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.**"

DISCUSSION QUESTION: Peter and the other disciples could follow Jesus because they had affirmed their love for Jesus. How does your affirmation of love help you to do the same?

PRAYER: Tender of the lambs and sheep, you gave me the disciples to help me know and love you and therefore want to follow you as they did. When I am tempted to fall back on the familiar - when I don't know how to do that, please help me be aware that on my own I could do nothing. Now I trust in your promise to be with me forever as I like those disciples trusted. Amen