

What a week it has been! The women have discovered that the tomb is empty. They have seen the risen Lord and rushed to tell the Apostles. They too see the empty tomb and, on remembering what Jesus had told them, understand the truth; that He is risen! Peter declares this truth to the people on the day of Pentecost and three thousand people's lives are transformed. Three disciples reveal that they have also met Jesus on their way to Emmaus and Peter, in Jesus' name, has just cured a man, crippled from birth. Bystanders are amazed, and Christ's followers increase to five thousand. However, the Jewish leaders, perplexed and fearful for their positions of authority, act on impulse and arrest Peter and John. They demand to know how the cripple has been cured. Peter, 'filled with the Holy Spirit,' explains that it is through the power of the risen Jesus, 'the only name through which people can be saved!'

For Jesus' friends this is a time of action and increased revelation of the risen Lord. It is a time of early growth. There are to be many further meetings and revelations, as in today's Gospel when some of the Apostles go fishing with Peter. This has been Peter's work for many years before being called by Jesus. Now, having caught nothing all night, someone calls from the shore, telling them how and where to cast their nets! Having immediately filled them with a multitude of fish, and told by John that, "It is the Lord," Peter does what only Peter would do. He jumps into the water in his haste to meet him!

There is Jesus waiting, as he always does. Ready to feed those who come to follow him. Not just with bread and fish, but with his very self.