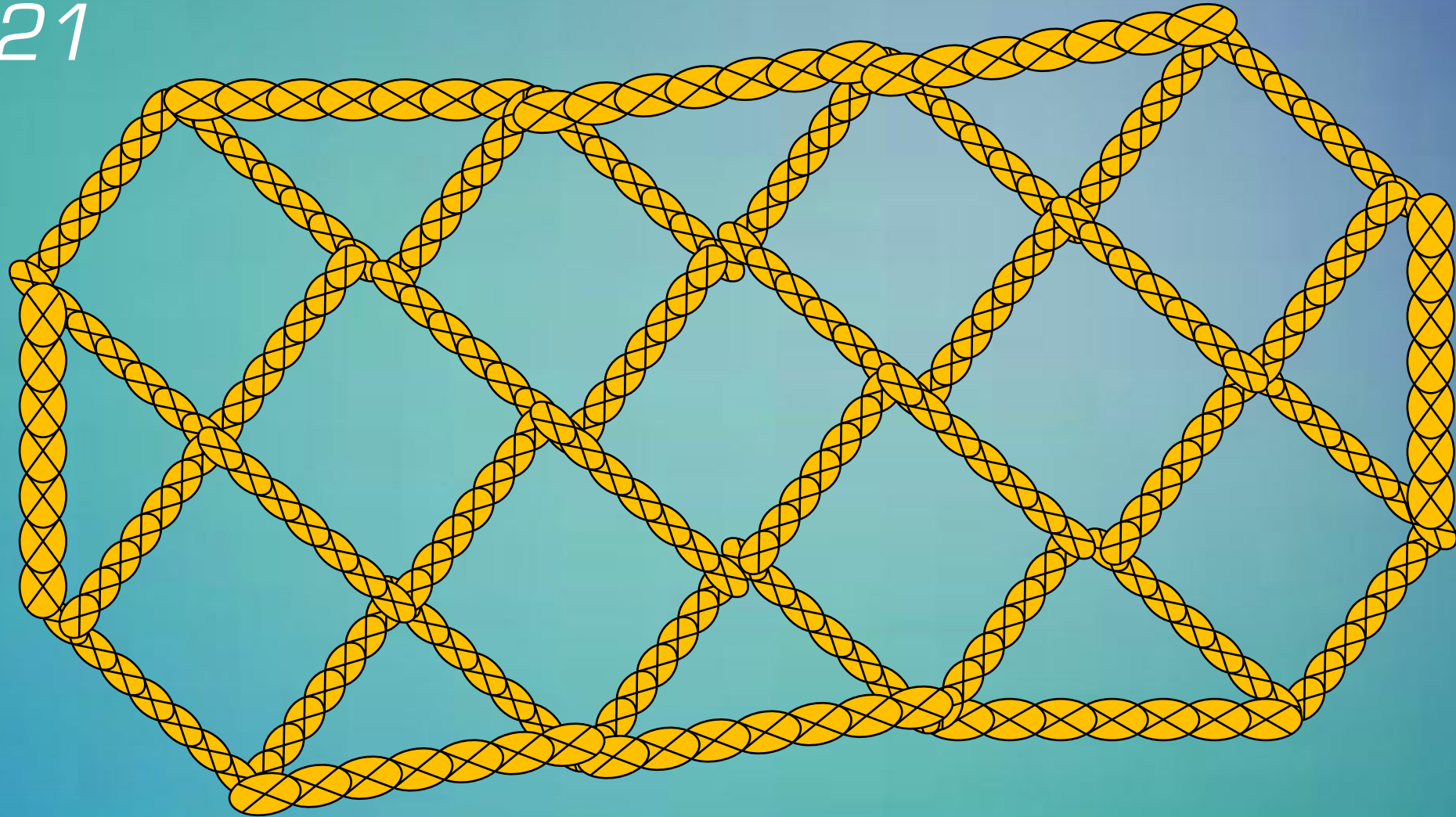
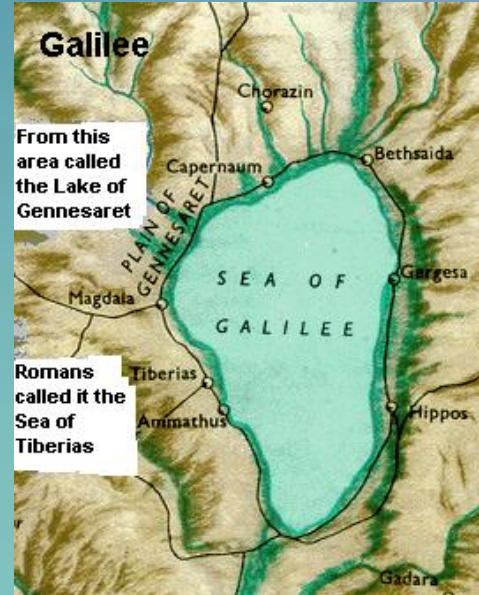


Fishers of Men

John 21



On the Sea of Galilee



North shore of the Sea of Galilee near Capernaum. John referred to the Sea of Galilee as "the sea of Tiberias"



A stranger calls out then enters a boat

*“And Simon answering said unto him,
Master, we have toiled all the night,
and have taken nothing...”*



*“...nevertheless at thy word
I will let down the net.”*

“And when they had this done,
they inclosed a great multitude
of fishes: and their net brake.”





Matthew 4:19

“...Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”



Mark 1:17

“...Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.



Luke 5:7

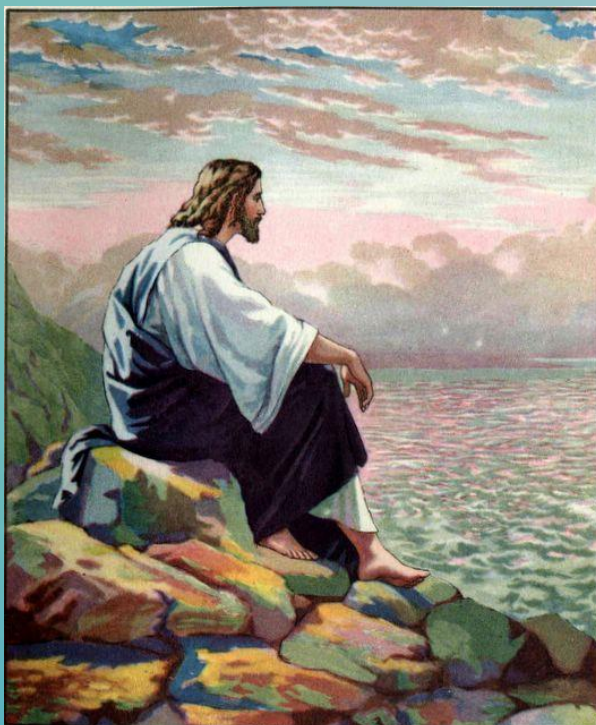
“...Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.”



“And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.”



“Three years later their Lord and Master,
their counselor and King, was crucified.
His mortal ministry was over.”





Peter wonders:

“...But that is over. He has finished His work, and He has risen from the tomb. He has worked out His salvation and ours. So you ask, ‘What do we do now?’”



Kamille Corry

“Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee.”



At least six of the ten other remaining Apostles went with Peter. But caught nothing.

“But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore:



“...but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.”

“...Children, have ye any meat?”

Children...

“Although the Apostles had been with the Savior for several years, the Savior’s use of this word may have indicated that His disciples still needed to grow and develop in their faith.

In a similar way, in 1832 the Lord told the Prophet Joseph Smith and other early members of the restored Church...

*“Ye are little children, and ye have not as yet understood how great blessings the Father hath in his own hands and prepared for you; and ye cannot bear all things now; nevertheless, be of good cheer, for I will lead you along”
(D&C 78:17–18).*



“...They answered him, No.”

“Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find,”

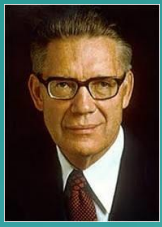


“...They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

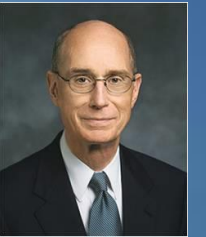
“...It is the Lord...”



When Simon Peter heard this
he ‘cast himself into the sea’

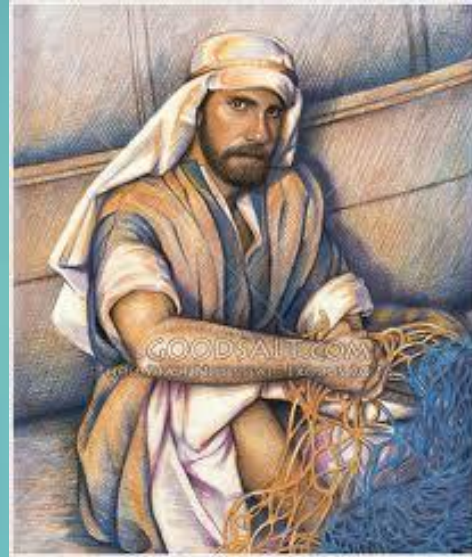


"When they came to shore they found a fire of coals with fish broiling and a supply of bread...Jesus then gave them bread and fish to eat, and although the account does not so state, he himself must also have eaten, for, as in the upper room, such would have been one of the main purposes of providing the food." (3)

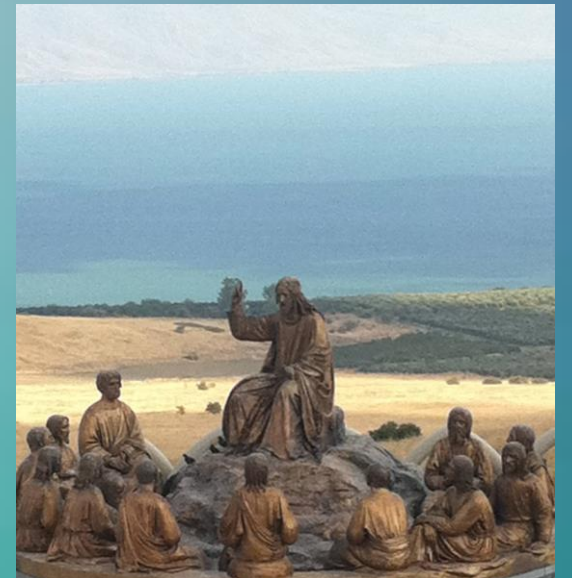


... it was the Master who prepared His disciples to be fed more than fish and bread. He let them eat first. And then He taught them of spiritual feeding. And He gave a commandment to them which still stands for each of us." (4)

“...so when they had dined,
Jesus saith to Simon Peter...

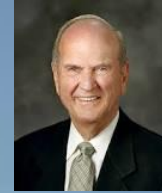


...Simon, son of Jonas, lovest
thou me more than these?”



Feed my lambs

“The word *feed* comes from the Greek term *bosko*, which means ‘to nourish or to pasture.’ The word *lamb* comes from the diminutive term *arnion*, meaning ‘little lamb.’”



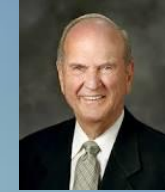
Jay Bryant Ward

“Anyone serving in any capacity in the Church in which he is responsible for the spiritual or temporal well-being of any of the Lord's children is a shepherd to those sheep.”

Little lambs need to be nourished in order to grow

Feed my sheep

“The word *feed* comes from a different term, *poimaino*, which means ‘to shepherd, to tend, or to care.’ The word *sheep* comes from the term *probaton*, meaning ‘mature sheep.’



Sheep need to be tended



“The Lord holds his shepherds accountable for the safety [meaning the salvation] of his sheep.”

Feed my sheep

"The word *feed* again comes from the Greek *bosko*, referring to nourishment. The word *sheep* was again translated from the Greek term *probaton*, referring to adult sheep."



*Sheep need to
be nourished*



"Today our prophet is calling for enthusiastic and dynamic love for our Heavenly Father's children. He asks us to see the spiritual hunger around us and to respond by willingly sharing our abundance. No power on earth can accomplish as much as one righteous man or woman or boy or girl."



“Jesus responded...

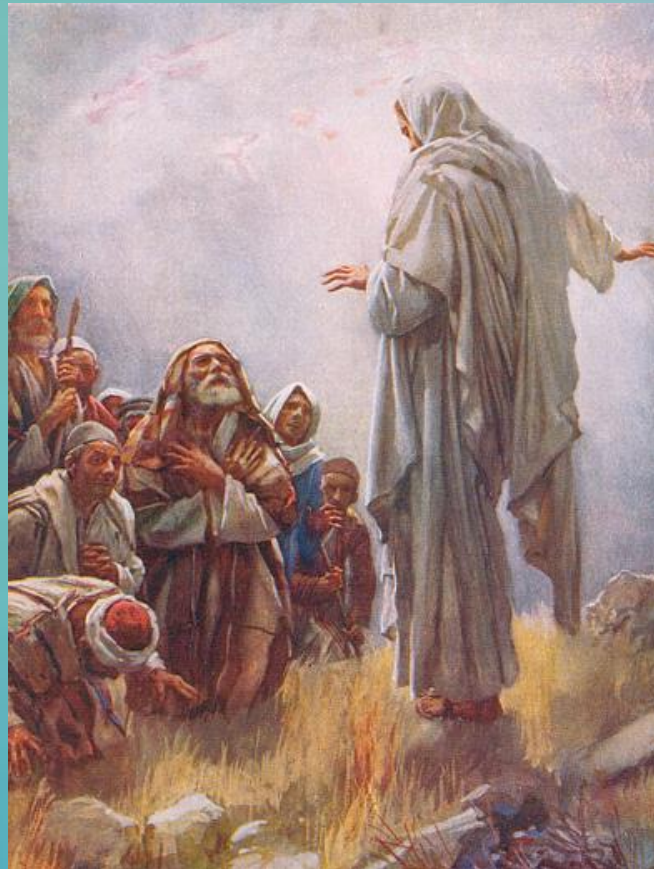
‘Then Peter, why are you here? Why are we back on this same shore, by these same nets, having this same conversation? Wasn’t it obvious then and isn’t it obvious now that if I want fish, I can get fish? What I need, Peter, are disciples—and I need them forever.

I need someone to feed my sheep and save my lambs. I need someone to preach my gospel and defend my faith....”



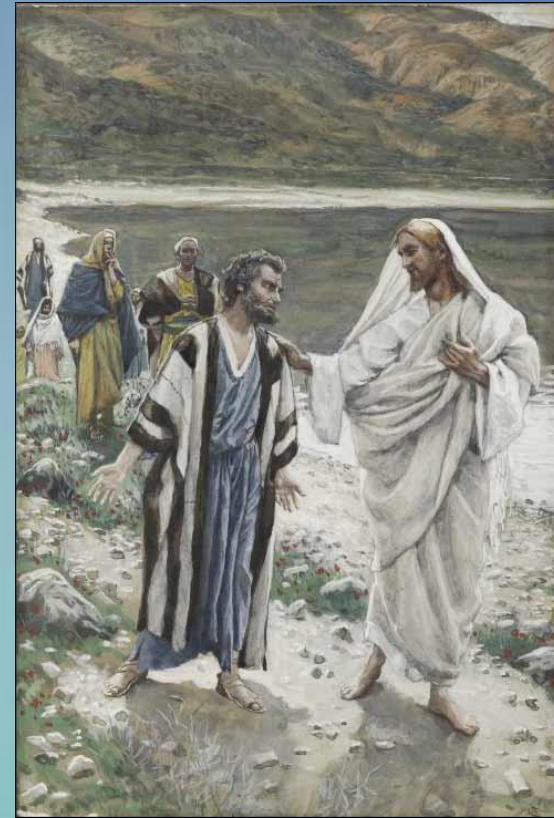


“...for the second and presumably the last time, I am asking you to leave all this and to go teach and testify, labor and serve loyally until the day in which they will do to you exactly what they did to me.”



Harold Copping

“This spake he, signifying
by what death he should
glorify God...



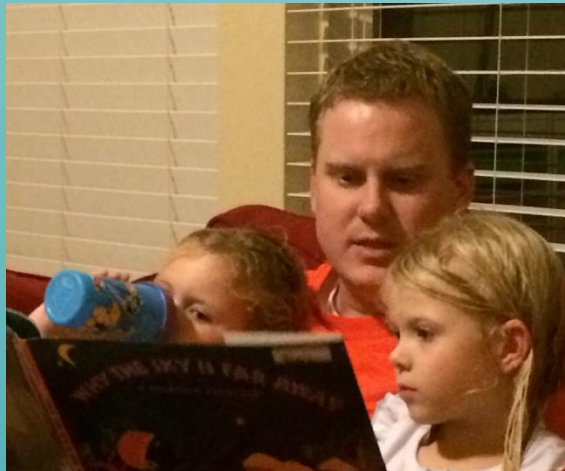
...And when he had spoken this,
he saith unto him, Follow me.”



**If we love the Savior
and Heavenly Father
more than anything
else, we will feed Their
sheep**



Meagan Rieker



“The Crucifixion, Atonement, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ mark the beginning of a Christian life, not the end of it. It was this truth, this reality, that allowed a handful of Galilean fishermen-turned-again-Apostles without “a single synagogue or sword” to leave those nets a second time and go on to shape the history of the world in which we now live.”



Howard Lyon



“Your Father in Heaven expects your loyalty and your love at every stage of your life.”



Leave those nets and follow Him



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Suggested Hymn: #116 *Come Follow Me*

Video: **Feed My Sheep** (5:45)



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Jesus Visits and Eats with 7 Disciples at the Sea of Tiberias				21:1-14
Peter's Love for Jesus to Be manifest by Service				21:15-17
Peter's Death Foretold				21:18, 19
Peter's Questions Jesus About John's Future				21:20-23
John's Concluding Testimony				20:30, 31 21:24, 25

Naked: John 21:7:

The Greek term translated as "naked" in the King James Version does not always mean "nude" but can mean "lightly clad" or "without an outer garment." When Peter recognized the Lord, he quickly put on his outer cloak and "cast himself into the sea". This detail reveals how eager Peter was to be with the Savior. (1)

Feed My Sheep John 21:15-17:

"This is the call of Christ to every Christian today: 'Feed my lambs. ... Feed my sheep'—share my gospel with young and old, lifting, blessing, comforting, encouraging, and building them, especially those who think and believe differently than we do." Elder Robert D. Hales ("Being a More Christian Christian," *Ensign* or *Liahona*, Nov. 2012, 91).