

Scriptures May 12th

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

*'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'*

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,

'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'

I said to him,

'Sir, you are the one that knows.'

Then he said to me,

'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

*For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.*

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

John 21:1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. 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. 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.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, *'Children, you have no fish, have you?'* They answered him, *'No.'*

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. 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 lake. 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.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, *'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.'* So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. 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. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, *'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?'*

He said to him, *'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.'*

Jesus said to him, *'Feed my lambs.'*

A second time he said to him, *'Simon son of John, do you love me?'*

He said to him, *'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.'*

Jesus said to him, *'Tend my sheep.'*

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 you.'*

Jesus said to him, *'Feed my sheep.'*

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.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.)

After this he said to him, *'Follow me.'*