

CARE This Week...

April 12, 2026



The Great Commission

This week's lesson is about Matthew 28:16-20; John 21:1-17

After Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples the late evening of the same day he rose from the grave. While they (the disciples) were talking Jesus appeared and said, "Peace be with you. Why are you afraid and in doubt?" asked Jesus. 'Look at my hands and feet. It's me. Touch me and see. A ghost does not have flesh and bones as I have.'

John 21:1-17 recounts when Jesus met some of the disciples in Galilee. After seeing Jesus had risen from the dead, when He appeared to them in Jerusalem, the disciples went back to Galilee as Jesus had asked them. Peter suggested they go fishing and six others joined him. In the boat was Simon Peter, James, John, Thomas, Nathanael and two other disciples. They fished all that night but caught nothing. Early the next morning, Jesus appeared on the shore but those in the boat could not see it was Jesus. 'Friends, have you caught any fish?' Jesus asked. 'No,' they replied. 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some,' Jesus shouted.

They obeyed. They struggled to haul the net in because of the large number of fish they caught. At once, John knew it was Jesus on the shore and shouted, 'It's the Lord.' Immediately, Peter wrapped his outer garment around him and jumped in the water to swim to Jesus. Jesus told them to bring in their catch. They counted 153 large fish. 'Come and have breakfast,' said Jesus and gave them bread and fish to eat. They all knew it was the risen Lord Jesus – the third time they had seen Him alive after He had been crucified. When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' 'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.' Jesus replied, 'Feed my lambs.' Then again, Jesus asked, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.' But Jesus was not finished. A third time He asked, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was hurt that Jesus had asked him this question a third time. 'Lord, you know all things. You know that I love you.' Jesus replied, 'Feed my sheep.'

"Jesus is restoring Simon Peter to his commission as an evangelist, a fisher of men, and adding additional responsibility for him to disciple others, shepherding the flock."

We, too, as followers of Jesus are told to tell others the good news of Jesus as our Savior!

Another appearance to reflect upon...(from Matthew 28:16-20) the eleven disciples traveled to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them.

Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make **disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you..." "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Bible Verse: Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations. Matthew 28:19

Life Application: I will tell others about Jesus.

SATURDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

We had a great Zoom Bible study this past Saturday. Our lesson was over 'The Great Commission.'



UPCOMING EVENTS:

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY
CARE GAME NIGHT
April 18, 2026; 6:00 – 8:30 PM
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SATURDAY, April 18
CARE Game Night
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