The Seed of God's Word

Unit B4 - Lesson 1: Jesus Appears by the Sea

Lesson Prayer

Majestic Lord, you sent Jesus into the world to bring new life and salvation. After his resurrection he sent his disciples into the world on a mission to share the good news of eternal life. We thank you for this amazing gift of new life and ask that you would send us also into the world you love to feed and tend your flock. We pray this in Jesus' holy and blessed name. Amen.

First Lesson: John 21:1-19

1 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of
Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. 2 Simon Peter, Thomas
(called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee,
and two others of his disciples were together. 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 as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples
did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, "Children, do you
have any fish?" They answered him, "No." 6 He said to them, "Cast the
net on 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 of the quantity of
fish. 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the
Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his
outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into
the sea. 8 The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of
fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards
off.

9 When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with
fish laid out 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, 153 of them. And although
there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come
and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who
are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread
and gave it to them, and so with the fish. 14 This was now the third
time that Jesus was revealed 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 me more than these?" He said to
him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed
my lambs." 16 He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do
you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."
He said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time,
"Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved 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. 18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were
young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted,
but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another
will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." 19 (This he
said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after
saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

First Lesson: 1 Peter 5:1-4

Peter wrote:

1 I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the
sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to
be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising
oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have
you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those
in your charge, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief
Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

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