

Sad

John 21:1-14

(The Reader and the Actor will not interact together; instead, they will be looking at the audience while speaking. Readers and Actors should speak loudly and slowly so everyone can hear every word. Readers—read dramatically.)

Reader: Peter was a fisherman before Jesus called him to be his disciple. He was sad after Jesus was crucified. He did not know what to do with his sadness. So he went back to doing what he had done before. (Pause) Simon Peter said:

Peter: (Step out from behind the divider wearing a sign that reads “Sad” and carrying a fishing pole.) “I am going fishing.” (Motion as if you are casting the fishing line into the water, and reeling. Repeat motions.)

Reader: “We’ll come too,” the other disciples said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night. Sometime after his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn’t see who he was. He called out, ‘Fellows, have you caught any fish?’”

Peter: (Discouraged, sad, and downcast.) “No.”

Reader: Jesus then said, “Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you’ll get some!”

Peter: (Appear confused, and then motion with your hands as if you are throwing a net on your right side.)

Reader: “So they did, and they couldn’t haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.” Then one of the disciples said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that

it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore.”

Peter: (Remove the sign that reads “Sad” from around your neck. Happily, motion as if you are jumping into water, arriving with a smile and out of breath.)

Reader: “So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn’t torn. ‘Now come and have some breakfast with Me!’ **2** Jesus said. Then Jesus served them the bread and fish.” (Put a sign that reads “JOY” around Peter’s neck.)

Peter: (Smile and look past the audience as if you are staring at Jesus.) Thank you.

Reader: “Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

Peter: “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.”

Reader: “Then feed my lambs.” Jesus told him. (Pause) Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter: “Yes, Lord, (Pause) You know I love you.”

Reader: “Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said. (Pause) A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time.

Peter: “Lord, you know everything. (Pause. Put your hand on your heart, and then extend it out to the audience.) You know that I love you.”

Reader: Afterward, Peter left and went from town to town to tell everyone about Jesus!