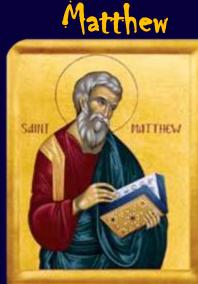




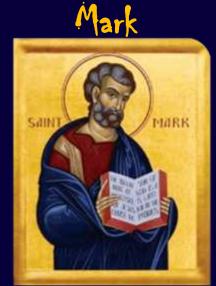
The Four Gospels

The Messiah The Promised One is here; see His Credentials. (To the Jew)

Son of Man This what He was like; see His Nature. (To the Greek)



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Suffering Servant This is how He worked; see His Power (To Romans)

Son of God This is who He really was; see His Godship. (To Christians)

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OPPORTUNITY OPPOSITION

Christ offers Himself to the people and Israel.

Christ meets opposition from the leadership.

OUTCOME

Christ's farewell message to His beloved disciples. ...these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

"Do you now believe?"

Jesus Prays for Himself

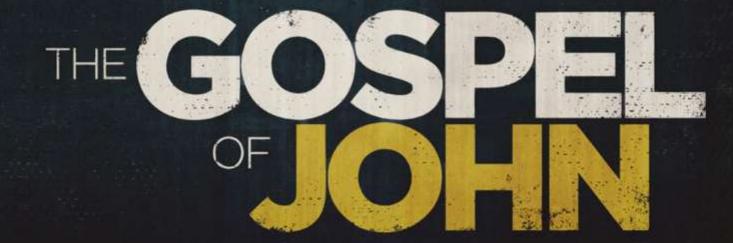
17 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You . . ."

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

Jesus Prays for All Believers



Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, H



CHRIST THE FAITHFUL

BETRAYED

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Jesus is Betrayed and Arrested

'The Arrest of Christ' by Heinrich Hofmann, 1858.

Jesus is Tried before Annas

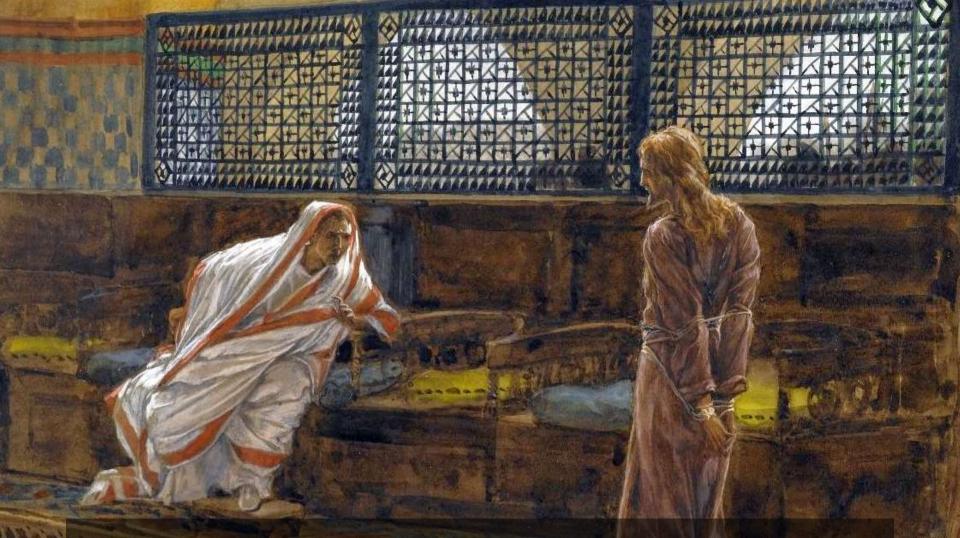
'Christ Before Caiaphas' by Duccio Di Buoninsegna, 1308.

Jesus is Thrice Denied by Peter

'Peter Denies Jesus' by Caravaggio, 1610.

Jesus is Tried before Caiaphas (Then by the Sanhedrin Matt. 27:1-2)

'Christ Before Caiaphas' by Matthias Stom, c. 1630.



Jesus is Tried before Pilate

'Jesus Before Pilate, First Interview' by James Tissot, 1902.

He is Tried before Herod Antipas

'Jesus is brought before Herod' in Codex of Predis, 1476.

NOT THIS MAN, BUT BARABBASI"

Pilate offers Jesus or Barabbas.

'Ecce Homo' by Mihály Munkácsy, 1896.

THE GOSPE

CHRIST THE OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH

19 So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him.

'The Scourging on the Front' by James Tissot

² And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe.
³ Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands.

⁴ Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him."

Behold the Man' by James Tissot ⁵ Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And *Pilate* said to them, "Behold the Man!"

'Behold the Man' by James Tissot

⁶Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!"

'Let Him Be Crucified' by James Tissot

Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."

'Let Him Be Crucified' by James Hosot

⁷ The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."

'Let Him Be Crucified' by James Tissot

⁸ Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, ⁹ and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?"

But Jesus gave him no answer.

'Jesus Before Pilate' by James Tissot

¹⁰ Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?"

'Jesus Before Pilate' by James Tissot

¹¹ Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

'Jesus Before Pilate' by James Tissot

² From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."

'Pilate washes his hands' by James Tissot

¹³ When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called *The* Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour.

'Jesus Hears His Death Sentence' by James Tissot

And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!"

'Jesus Leaves the Praetorium' by James Tissot

¹⁵ But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!"

Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"

'The Judgment on the Gabbatha' by James Tissot

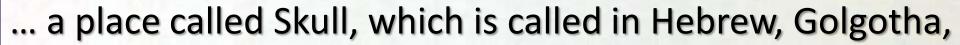
¹⁶ Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified.

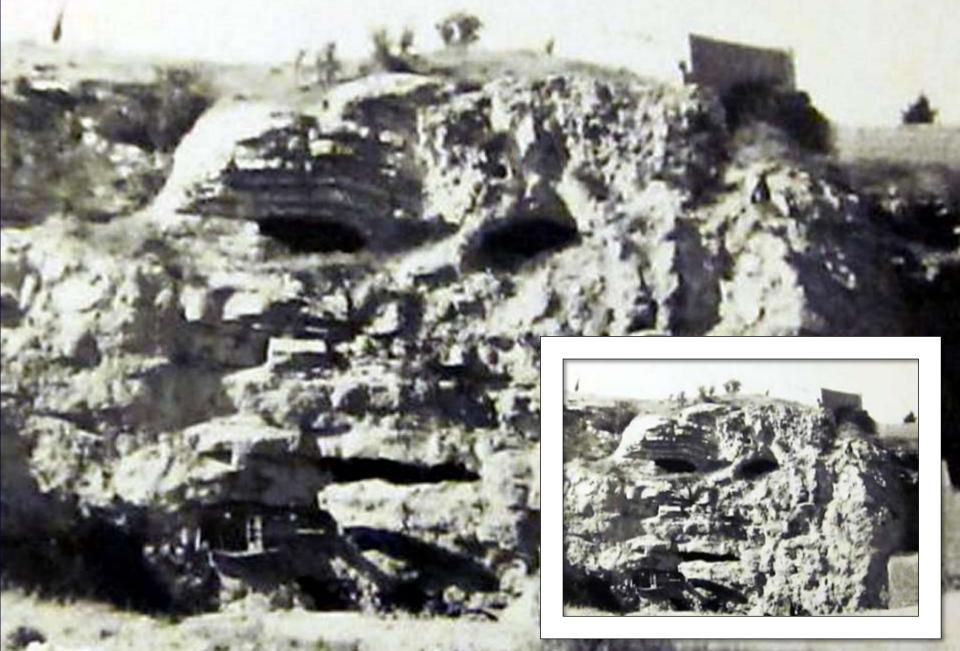
'Jesus Bearing the Cross' by James Tissot

Then they took Jesus and led Him away.

'Jesus Falls Beneath the Cross' by James Tissot

And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called *the place of a* Skull,







'The Procession Nearing Calvary' by James Tissot

¹⁸ where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. ¹⁹ Now Pilate wrote a title and put *it* on the cross. And the writing was:

JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS



²⁰ Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. ²¹ Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews." '"

²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

Detail of 'Christ before Pilate' by Mihaly Munkacsy, 1881.

¹⁹ Now Pilate wrote a title and put *it* on the cross. And the writing was:

JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. (Yeshua HaNazarei vMelech HaYehudim)



²³ Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. ²⁴ They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

"They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." (Psalm 22:18) Therefore the soldiers did these things. ²⁵ Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

²⁶ When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" ²⁷ Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own *home*.

Woman, Behold Thy Son' by James Tissot.

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"

'My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me? (Eli, Eli lama sabactani)' by James Tissot

²⁹ Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put *it* on hyssop, and put *it* to His mouth.

'I Thirst' by James Tissot

³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!"

Τετέλεσται (tetelestai)

'The Death of Jesus' by James Tissot



IT IS FINISHED

And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. ³¹ Therefore, because it was the Preparation *Day*, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away.

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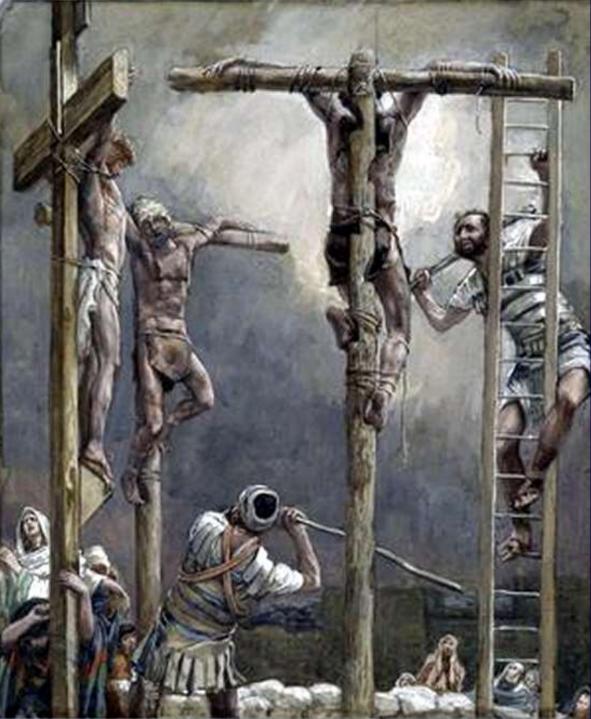
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- Only 3 hours before Passover (a Holy Day) began at 6 PM (sunset).
- "His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day... that the land not be defiled." (Deut 21:23)
- No <u>work</u> could be done on *any* Sabbath (Gen 2:3; Ex 16:23, 20:8-11, 31:13-17, 35:2-3; Lev 23:3; Num 15:32-36; Deut 5:12-15)
 - Taking bodies down from the crosses.
 - Preparing them for burial (body washed, nails and hair trimmed, anointed with oils, dressed, wrapped in linen, spices, etc.)
 - Laying them in a tomb, closing and sealing the tomb.
 - Public mourning.

'My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me? (Eli, Eli lama sabactani)' by James Tissot

³² Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

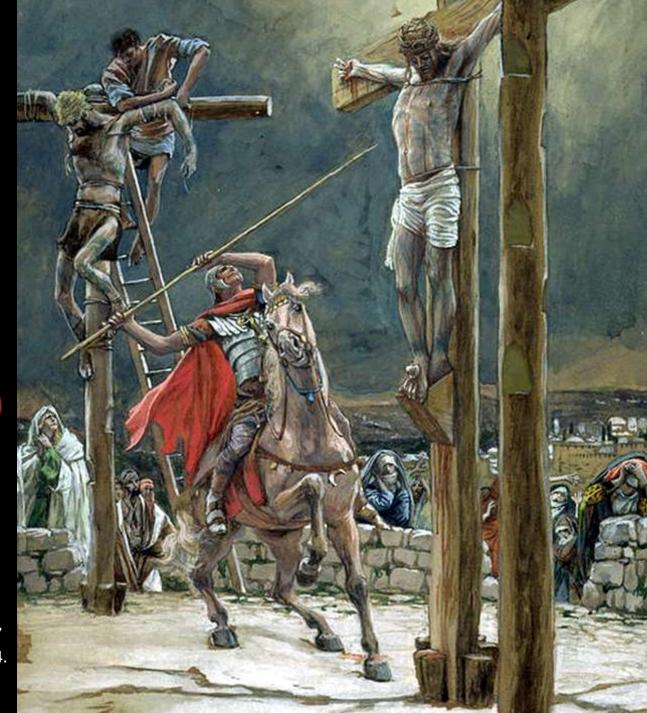
³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.



'The Thieves Legs Are Broken' by James Tissot ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.



'The Strike of the Lance' by James Tissot, 1886-1894.



³⁵ And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

³⁶ For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken."

In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house, nor shall you break one of its bones. Exodus 12:46

They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break one of its bones. According to all the ordinances of the Passover they shall keep it.

Numbers 9:12

He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken. Psalm 34:20 ³⁷ And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Zechariah 12:10 ³⁸ After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus. 'The Holy Virgin receives the body of Jesus' by James Tissot

³⁹ And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰ Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. ⁴¹ Now in the place where He was crucified 1 there was a garden 2, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation *Day*, for the tomb was nearby.



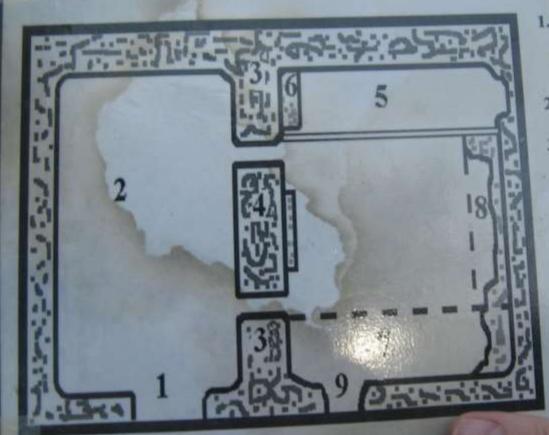


'The Empty Tomb' by Linda Curley Christer





PLAN OF THE TOMB



1.Entrance to Weeping Chamber hewn in rock. 2.Weeping Chamber. 3.Short low rock walls between the rooms. 4.Low threshold to graves. 5.Finished loculus (burial place). 6.Pillow cut in rock. 7.Unfinished loculus. 8.Rough ledge. 9.Small window.



THE GOSPE OF OF HN

CHRIST THE VICTORIOUS ONE

The Empty Tomb



20 Now the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

'The Women at the Sepulchre' by Benjamin West, 1805.

² Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."



- ³ Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. ⁴ So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first.
- ⁵ And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying *there;* yet he did not go in.

'Saint Peter and Saint John Run to the Sepulchre' by James Tissot.

⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying *there*, ⁷ and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.

⁸ Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed.

⁹ For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

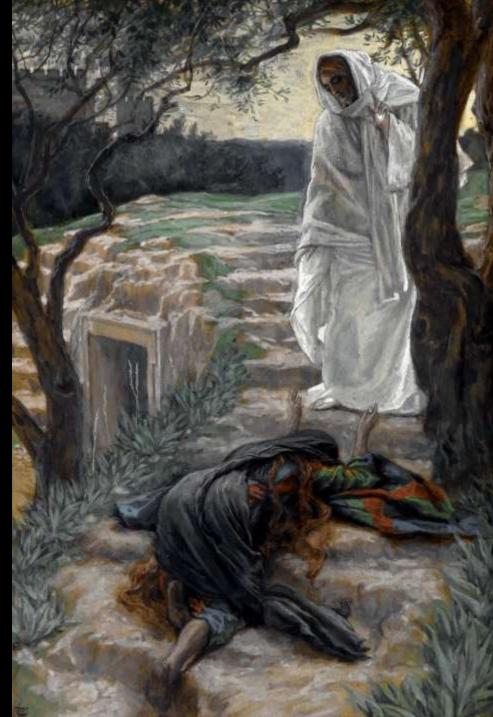
¹¹ But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. ¹³ Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." ¹⁴ Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"

She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and *to* My God and your God.'"

'Touch me not' by James Tissot



⁸ Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

'Mary Runs and Tells the Disciples' by James Tissot

¹⁹ Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you."

²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

'The Appearance of Christ at the Cenacle' by James Tissot.

²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained."

Seeing and Believing

²⁴ Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

'Doubting Thomas' by Henry Godines

²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said,

"Peace to you!"

²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

'The Incredulity of Saint Thomas' by Caravaggio, 1601.

That You May Believe

³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

³¹But these are WRITTEN so that you may BELIEVE that Jesus is the CHRIST, the SON of GOD, and that believing you may have LIFE in HIS NAME.



THE GOSPEL OF OF HN

CHRIST THE GREAT SHEPHERD

21 After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed *Himself:* 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 are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat,

AND THAT NIGHT THEY CAUGHT NOTHING.

'Saint Peter Alerted by Saint John' by James Tissot.

⁴ But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.
⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?"

They answered Him, "No."

⁶ And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find *some*." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

'Great Catch' by John August Swanson, 1993.

⁷ Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"

Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

> 'Feed My Sheep' by David Koch



- ⁸ But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish.
- ⁹ Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread.
- ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught."

Jesus at the Sea of Tiberius International Standard Bible Encyclopedia



¹¹ Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken.









Spiritual perfection

Ordinal perfection

Perfection of spiritual order



Perfection of spiritual order

Divine judgment God's judgment in bringing about His perfect spiritual order

Literary Structure – Jesus' Works (Miracles)

Changing 'no wine' into abundant wine at Cana in Galilee.

Healing the son of the official from Capernaum from a deadly disease. The Lord declined to visit though son dying.

A. Shortage to plenty B. Power over death

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C. Healing longstanding disability on the Sabbath

D. Power over laws of nature Healing stranger paralysed 38 years at Pool of Bethesda north of the Temple on Sabbath; criticised by authorities.

Feeding the 5,000 beside the sea (the lesson).

Jesus stilling the storm on the sea (the exam).

Healing stranger blind from birth at Pool of Siloam south of the Temple on Sabbath; criticised by authorities.

Raising Lazarus, brother of Mary and Martha, from death. The Lord declined to return before Lazarus died.

Changing 'no fish' into (153) abundant fish at the Sea of Galilee.

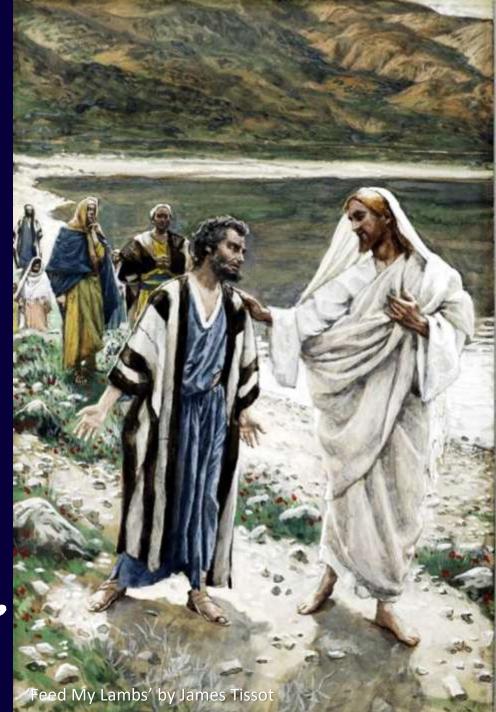
¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"—knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.

¹⁴ This *is* now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

Jesus Restores Peter

- ¹⁵ So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love [άγαπάω, agapaō] Me more than these?"
 - He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love [φιλέω, phileō] You."
 - He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

"Feed Mylambs."



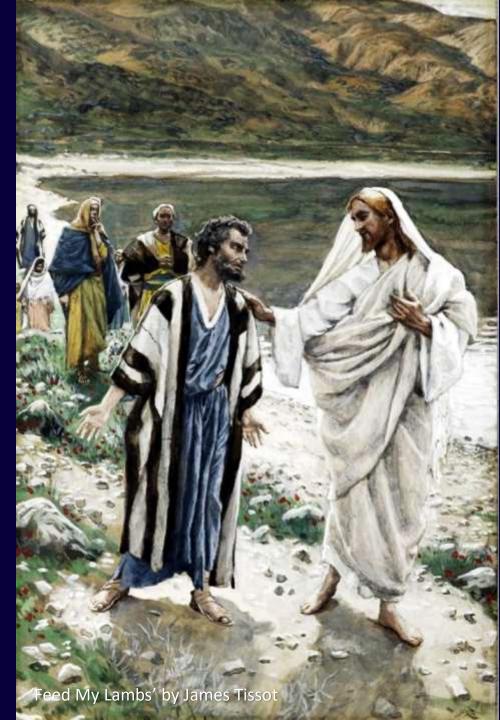
¹⁶ He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love [ἀγαπάω, agapaō] Me?"

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love [φιλέω, phileō] You."

He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love [φιλέω, phileō] Me?"

Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love [φιλέω, phileo] Me?"



And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love [φιλέω, phileō] You." Jesus said to him, "Feed July sheep."

'Christ's Charge to Peter' by Henry Cook, c. 1697.

¹⁸ Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."

¹⁹ This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me [*Keep on following Me*]."

'Crucifixion of Saint Peter' by Caravaggio, 1601.

²⁰ Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"
²¹ Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what *about* this man?"

²² Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what *is that* to you? You follow Me."

²³ Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but,

"If I will that he remain till I come, what *is that* to you?"

> 'Saint John' by Reni Guido, 1621.

²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

²⁵ And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.