



## EASTER 2013

### THE MORNING THEY SHOUTED: "HE IS RISEN!" JOHN 21:1-14



#### The Heart of the Matter

Many fall prey to the temptation of attending church only on those high Christian holidays such as Christmas and, of course, Easter. Sitting in the congregation only once or twice a year, a visitor might wonder just what all the hubbub is about. An hour-long meeting with a little singing and a little preaching is nice but certainly not life-changing! For most people, that's probably right, because a life of faith brings change, not through occasionally dropping in on God but through regular commitment across weeks and weeks of seemingly little change. However, for those of us who have lived out a consistent commitment to Jesus, we know that the most meaningful change comes when we wait on God through what can seem like endless weeks and months of nothing happening. When we wait, God is faithful to work in our lives.



#### Discovering the Way

##### 1. Setting the Context

In the excitement after Jesus's resurrection from the dead, the Lord appeared to the disciples at the Sea of Galilee.

##### 2. Five Lessons from the Resurrected Jesus (John 21:1-14)

Jesus's appearance at the Sea of Galilee provides us five lessons. First, Jesus meets us along the way. Second, Jesus helps us admit the truth. Third, Jesus wants us to enjoy life. Fourth, Jesus invites us to come to Him. And fifth, Jesus keeps coming back until we finally come around.

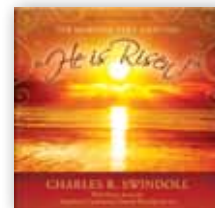


#### Starting Your Journey

Life often involves endless hours of God's patience, punctuated by a sudden, life-changing decision to follow Jesus. Will you follow Him today?



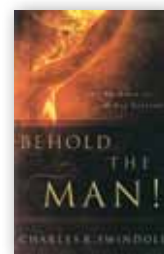
#### Tools for Digging Deeper



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