

Scripture Readings

*The Old Testament Scripture reading is received from **Isaiah** chapter **49** verses **1-4**, which can be found on page **878** in the **old testament** of your pew bible.*

¹Listen to me, you coasts and islands, pay heed, you peoples far away: from birth the Lord called me, he named me from my mother's womb. He made my tongue his sharp sword and concealed me under cover of his hand; he made me a polished arrow and hid me out of sight in his quiver. He said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel through whom I shall win glory'; so I rose to honour in the Lord's sight and my God became my strength. Once I said, 'I have laboured in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing, to no purpose'; yet in truth my cause is with the Lord and my reward is in God's hands.

*The New Testament Scripture reading is received from **John** chapter **21** verses **1-14**, which can be found on page **141** in the **new testament** of your pew bible...*

¹Some time later, Jesus showed himself to his disciples once again, by the Sea of Tiberias; and in this way. Simon Peter and Thomas 'the Twin' were together with Nathanael of Cana-in-Galilee. The sons of Zebedee and two other disciples were also there. Simon Peter said, 'I am going out fishing.' 'We will go with you', said the others. So they started and got into the boat. But that night they caught nothing.

Morning came, and there stood Jesus on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. He called out to them, 'Friends, have you caught anything?' They answered 'No.' He said, 'Shoot the net to starboard, and you will make a catch.' They did so, and found they could not haul the net aboard, there were so many fish in it.

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Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that, he wrapped his coat about him (for he had stripped) and plunged into the sea. The rest of them came on in the boat, towing the net full of fish; for they were not far from land, only about a hundred yards.

When they came ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish laid on it, and some bread. Jesus said, 'Bring some of your catch.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to land, full of big fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and yet, many as they were, the net was not torn. Jesus said, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples dared to ask 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. Jesus now came up, took the bread, and gave it to them, and the fish in the same way. This makes the third time that Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection from the dead.

May the Lord God help us to apply this scripture in our lives.