



**Twelfth Station:
Jesus appears at the lakeside**

‘Welcome to York Minster as we continue our journey through the Stations of the Resurrection’

Through Lent and Passiontide there has been a long tradition in the Church of meditating on the events of the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, called the Stations of the Cross. In the latter part of the twentieth century a complementary devotion emerged, called the *Stations of the Resurrection* or the *Stations of Joy*.

By using the resurrection appearances of Jesus as a focus for reflection and meditation we have an opportunity to appreciate and celebrate the mysteries of the resurrection of our Lord during the season of Easter, which journeys from Easter Day to Pentecost.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. Isaiah 49.13

Let us pray.

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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The Calm Sea 1869 [Gustave Courbet](#)

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/436005?searchField=All&sortBy=Relevance&deptids=11&showOnly=openAccess&ft=sea+of+galilee&offset=0&rpp=80&pos=1>

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

A reading from the Gospel according to John

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask

him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Reflection or Meditation

How many times have they done this?

They've been out on the water for hours.

They're tired, and hungry.

Many times before he has told them: try the other side of the boat – there are fish there.

He has been there through peace and storm: indeed he has calmed the storm when they thought they were done for.

He has become so much part of their lives – indeed he has been at the centre of their lives – that it is almost as if the events at Calvary were a strange dream. It could be as if they never happened.

And yet.

There is something different about him.

He appears and disappears, almost as if he were a ghost.

Except no ghost ever ate anything.

And here he is once more – next to that charcoal fire – a reminder of the one they warmed themselves by in the courtyard, waiting to hear his fate.

And he's calling them to come and eat.

He is changed – he has done a new thing – as he promised.

But still he helps them do more than they ever could alone: that net is full to almost bursting.

And still, he feeds them.

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,
for at the lakeside you showed concern for the daily needs of your disciples.

As you guided them to fill their nets with fish,

so guide all who are hungry

till their hunger is satisfied in you.

To you, Lord Jesus,

sharing with us the food of faith,

be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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