

WHAT'S HAPPENIING? – Sunday, May 4, 2025 – Third Sunday of Easter

Hello Westminster folk:

This coming Sunday we will marking the Third Sunday of the Easter Season by reflecting on John 21:1-17, the well known story of the Risen Jesus visiting his disciples on the shore of Lake Tiberius. As you'll recall, when Jesus arrives he soon learns that his disciples have fished all night without catching a thing. So he gives them fishing-instructions which the disciples follow. As a result of listening to the Risen Jesus, these cold and despairing disciples net 153 huge fish. After this large catch has been landed, Jesus grills a bit of bread along with some of these huge and recently caught fish on the fire he has built, and then he and his disciples enjoy an early morning bread-and-fish feast on the lakeshore.

John 21: 1-17 is more than a nice, reassuring story; more than a mere miracle story; more than 'proof' that Jesus has physically risen; more than a call to evangelical missionary work; more than a sort of symbolic communion service; more than a story that simply concludes the gospel of John. Properly interpreted and understood, John 21:1-17 is an extraordinarily powerful and subversive tale. It was powerful and subversive for those who read John's gospel back in the year 110 A.D. And, if we take it seriously, it remains equally powerful and subversive for us in 2025.

I'll be exploring the subversive power of this biblical text in my message this coming Sunday, May 4. I've given my sermon the title 'Breakfast on Tiberius'.

AN IMPORTANT CHANGE OF TOPIC

In the event you may have missed it, I'm going to repeat here what I said when I emailed the latest Invitation to Zoom-church.

"Hello Westminster members:

Below is Westminster's invitation to join us for Zoom-church. This Zoom-invitation is valid for a year. Please save the information below so that you can

join us for Sunday morning services for the next 12 months. Worship begins at 10:30 am each Sunday.

You will no longer be receiving a weekly invitation to Zoom-church because Cogeco is now returning all Zoom invitations as 'spam' and want \$111/month to permit us to continue our past practice.

Please note too: we are working with Churchweb Canada so that you can also securely access Zoom-church from Westminster's website, hopefully in the near future. Details to follow. "

***Please note as well: it will also be necessary to make alternate arrangements for distributing 'What's Happening?'.**

ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached [a] Fundscrip which is due on May 11, [b] the full bulletin for this coming Sunday, [c] Announcements for May 4, and [d] the words for our May 4th concluding hymn *Peter said, 'I'm Going Fishing'*.

Westminster will not be holding a service of worship on Sunday, May 11. Once again, we'll be going to Roseland-Trinity United Church where I'll be presiding and preaching during our special Mother's Day service of worship and celebration. I hope you will join us.

Instead of INSIGHTS, A BIT OF HOLY HUMOUR DURING NHL PLAYOFF TIME

See below

