

FISH ON ASSIGNMENT

The scene shows where the little fish was swimming and his eyes were still as if he was listening to something.

In front of him was a large net.

The little fish dived deep and barely escaped the large net that grazed his body as he was diving deep.

The little silver fish was alone but it continued to dive as if he was being told where to go.

The fish stood still in the midst of the deep dark waters.

It stood there and then it began to swim upwards.

The boat with the big net was moving away.

The fish could not have known the boat was leaving.

The more the little silver fish swam upwards the more the men pulled the net.

The head fisherman had a gold coin in his belt.

His belt tilted.

The gold coin fell out of his pocket.

The head fisherman saw the gold coin falling and tried to catch it but he let go part of the net.

A few fish slipped out the net as the head fisherman reached into the water to grab the gold coin.

The head fisherman realized the gold coin was gone.

The little silver fish began to swim to the top of the water and opened it's mouth.

He grabbed the coin, just out of the man's extending reach.

The little silver fish swam away fast.

He was followed by the few fish that were loosed from the net.

The other fish followed the little silver fish.

The little silver fish continued to swim day or night along with the other fish.

They escaped the dangers that lurked in the water and all around them.

The danger of men's nets, predators and storms of the seas.

The fish finally reached Jerusalem led by the little silver fish.

A huge school of fish was swimming.

The face of the little silver fish slowly begin to come into view.

The little silver fish was still in the midst of a huge school.

A net begins to descend from above.

As the net begin to descend the darkness of the water, daylight breaks through.

The daylight begins to penetrate the darkness.

The little silver fish was still.

The net covered the little silver fish as well as some of the school.

The little silver fish was in the midst of the net.

A hairy man pulled the net of fish out of the water.

The man seeing Jesus' face could hear His words "take up the first fish and take the gold coin out of his mouth."

The man's eyes slowly looked down at the net of fish.

He was not looking at any particular fish.

He was replaying in his head the conversation he had with Jesus.

While he was in his thoughts he could hear the faint flapping of the fish.

The flapping got louder and brought the man's mind back to the pile of fish that was in his net.

He looked at the fish to see which one was doing the flapping.

The other fish was still with little movement.

The little silver fish was a striking difference to the darker skin fish and it seemed when Peter noticed the fish it began to flap again like it had something to tell Peter.

Peter being a fisherman was amazed at this little silver fish.

It was smaller than the other fish but it was different in another way.

Peter stooped down and reaching his hand out to take the fish heard a voice say "the first fish."

Peter knew that was not Jesus speaking but the devil trying to confuse him.

Peter hurried and grabbed the little silver flapping fish and was looking on the fish to recognize the type of fish.

The fish's mouth was partly open and Peter saw twinkling and the twinkling made him remember to look inside the fish's mouth.

Peter holding the little silver fish upward was astonished at the glimpse of gold that was twinkling like it was a beacon to him.

He opened the little silver fish's mouth and gently pulled the gold coin out.

All Peter could do as he was stooping down was to think on Jesus' words.

The fish began to flap again which caused Peter to cut his eyes from the gold coin to look at the little silver fish.

Peter was amazed the little silver fish was still alive and since the fish had delivered the gold coin he had completed his mission.

Peter said to the little silver fish, "What to do with you?"

He looked at the net full of fish he could sell.

Peter looked back at the strange little silver fish and leaning forward he put the fish into the water.

He waded the little silver fish in the water until the fish began to swim.

The little silver fish swam away from Peter.

Peter watched the little silver fish out of sight.

He just wondered about the little silver fish.

Peter wondered why Jesus had chosen a fish to deliver them the gold coin.
Peter raising the gold up to meet his eyes twirled the gold coin in his hands and cut his eyes out to the water where the little silver fish was going.
People walked up behind Peter and wondered about the net of fish and if they were for sale.

Peter could hear the mumbling of the people.
He finally stood and turned to the people.
He put the gold coin in his pouch.
One man watched him intensely and noticed Peter had a gold coin.
The man wondered where Peter got the gold coin from and he began to look at the fish.
One woman said to Peter, "Are you selling these?"

Peter looked at the small crowd (thinking he had gotten what he came for) said, "They are free. Take what you want."

The people rushed to get the fish as Peter had removed them from the net.

With his net in his hand he turned and looked back at the water and thought about the little silver fish with a big assignment.

Peter smirked, then smiled, and walked away.

The little silver rainbow colored fish swam merrily away into the darkness of the open sea.

Matthew 17:27

Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast a hook and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

Peter concerned about the elders asking him why he and Jesus did not pay homage.

Jesus knowing what was taking place waited until peter returned to Him.

Peter's face told the story.

Peter was concerned.
He knew the Jewish law and rituals.
He knew Jesus as Lord and teacher of the law.
He knew Jesus did not violate the law of Moses, but yet they had not paid when they entered into the town.

People standing in the cobblestone streets watched Peter as he passed them.
Peter was slightly shamed but continued to walk.

Jesus walked with him.

Peter thought he should be going back to Jesus, but he turned and walked back to the waterside and sat down.

He thought to himself how he rather Jesus put the mouths of the people and the administrators to shame by going back and paying tribute but with a precious Roman gold coin.

Peter thinking – “You can’t get any better than that.”

Jesus smiles.

The smile went off of Peter’s face.

Peter began to look intensely out to the water and thought, “Why the fish? Did He just put the gold coin in the fish’s mouth? Did the fish swallow the gold coin? How did the fish find its way to my net? It is so much to this. I am getting confused.

Peter continued, “What I do know is that Jesus told me to take up the first fish, take the gold coin out of its mouth and go pay tribute for me and Him. That is what I know.”

Peter sat facing the water and his mind came back to him.

He looked around himself and noticed the place was quieter and less busy because it was getting dark.

People were going home.

Peter stood up and began his walk back to Jesus.

Jesus was sitting at the table when Peter returned.

Jesus looked at Peter’s face and said, “You look confused.”

Peter turned slightly and said, “Kind of.”

Peter went about lighting the fireplace and candles.

Jesus sat and watched Peter.

Jesus knew the meditations that were in Peter’s heart.

Jesus watched Peter as he was busy lighting the candles, closing the windows and preparing the place for night.

Jesus said, “Peter, what are your thoughts of the fish?”

Peter, slightly bent over turned his head listening.

He looked back at Jesus and repeated “The fish?”

Jesus said, “Yes the fish.”

Peter said, “It was odd It was different than all the other fish.”

Peter chuckled.

He said, “It was not from these waters, but it was a fish. It must have swam a great distance to get here and to get in my net. And it had a Roman gold coin in its mouth. It had to swim through rough and dangerous water to get here to have that gold coin for us.”

Peter, still bent over, looked back at Jesus who was staring at Peter.

The light from the candles and the fireplace cast a white glow over Jesus and Peter saw a beautiful white light from Jesus. It almost appeared as Jesus was sitting on a throne looking beautiful with the glory of God and His kingdom's light.

Peter was startled and stood up.

His eyes met Jesus' eyes and somehow the glory and light from Jesus seemed to disappear.

Peter was startled and afraid of what he knew he had just seen.

It was because Peter was seeking and speaking truth.

Peter walked outside because he did not know what to think about what he was sure he had seen.

Jesus sitting inside with the glow of the candles and fire on his face and body.

Peter pacing back and forth not knowing what to think.

Peter was moving his head and using his hands to make motions.

People passing by him stared and some others standing across the alley/street was watching him with curiosity wanting to have something to criticize and nail against Jesus.

Jesus knowing the thoughts of the people outside said, "Peter...come in."

Peter hearing the voice of pure love looked at the people.

He turned and walked into the house.

He looked in the face of Jesus who had turned his head to look at Peter when he entered into the house.

Peter feeling the love of God said, "My Lord, I was a little frightened."

Jesus asked, "A little?"

Peter, cutting his eyes at Jesus, saw the love of God in Jesus and peace overcame Peter.

Jesus began to speak.

He said, "Peter of a truth your heart was meditating on the why this situation was worked out the way it did. The fish was a means to use to get your problem resolved. God can use anything to speak a message to anybody. So remember the little things bring the biggest gift/reward."

Peter looking at Jesus from the side smirked nodding his head shifted his eyes to the glow of the fire and candles.

The Lord looked at Peter.

He looks to the side of Peter and watched the other disciples and listened to their discussions.

But Jesus was also very concerned about Peter.

He knew that Peter was wrestling with the answer of why the fish?

He smiled at Peter and the thoughts Peter were allowing the word of righteousness to take seed in his heart and thoughts.

Jesus knew the more Peter allowed the word of truth to take root in his heart then it would remove the spirit of doubt and give him strength for the hour that would soon come upon them all.

Jesus knew Peter loved Him but Peter needed strength to face the ultimate obstacle.

Jesus knew Peter would be ready against that day.

Jesus looked off from Peter and he was looking at the streets of Jerusalem.

And the path He had to walk through all the jeering people to the hill.

Jesus blinked and his heart felt so much pain when He saw heaven shut up and he was alienated from the Father.

Jesus shut his eyes for a second and opened his eyes to look at Golgatha, but he sensed Peter looked at him.

Peter was making himself busy while hoping the other disciples, or somebody, would get there quickly.

There was never any doubt of Jesus' love for Peter.

Also, for his mother, brethren and all the generations yet to be born.

Jesus heard the other disciples open the door as he watched Peter.

Jesus stood and walked over to the disciples and greeted each one of them.

He bid them to come and sit.

John looked at Peter who was standing still.

John sensed something happened.

He chose not to ask and pretended he did not see Peter's concern on his face.

Jesus' heart was full of joy.

He loved all his disciples and man.

He was ready to go to the cross and what He knew He would do for Peter, His mother, brethren, and disciples made Him ready to go at the appointed time.

Jesus was ready to make them new and whole.

Not just them but all who God has determined would receive eternal life.

Peter was still confused about why the fish?

He knew he was a fisherman and he knew how to catch fish, but why this fish?

The scene shows the little silver fish swimming deep into the dark ocean.

Jesus was laughing and talking with the other disciples as they describe to him the events of their journeys and their days.

Andrew noticed Peter was quiet.

He stood and walked over to Peter.
Peter's head was down and he felt the presence of Andrew, his brother.
He lifted his head and greeted his brother.
Jesus watched them as he continued to talk to the disciples.

Andrew asked, "Brother what has caused you trouble?"
Pete said, "A fish."
Andrew bucked his eyes and reeled backwards with a questioning look on his face.
Peter shaking his head looked up at Andrew and said, "Yes. A fish with a gold coin in its mouth."

One of the disciples overheard their conversation said, "I need to meet that fish if he got gold in his mouth."
The disciples laughed.

Jesus sat and smiled.

Peter with a wondering look on his face said, "He?"

The disciples stop laughing and realized he had said, "He?"

Peter looking at a smiling Jesus said, "He."

The other disciples were looking at Jesus.

Jesus said, "It was a male fish".

Peter, "Why give it more of a person or human trait?"

Jesus, "Because he was chosen for a specific purpose. Therefore, it was no longer a thing without purpose. It became more definite and made to perform the function it was created to perform. Once God selects a thing or person to perform a specific function for Him the thing or the person has been transformed from the ordinary to the extraordinary. Only that which is extraordinary can perform the function God wants to be performed. God makes sure every resource of heaven is working to get the thing or person in the position to serve the function God has created it to serve. That's why the fish is a he."

The disciples sat in silence while Jesus looked around at each of them and Peter, as if He was imparting understanding to them.

