

Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time

Sunday Forum – February 7, 2016

Jesus on the Cross: Paradox of Glory
Mystery of Resurrection: Fish Fry on the Beach
John 17-21



Opening Prayer “You live at the hinge” -- Walter Brueggemann, *Awed to Heave, Rooted in Earth*

You brood in the night in its fearfulness,

You dawn the day in its energy,

You move at the edge of night
into the margin of day.

You live at the hinge between fear and energy.

You take the feeble night and give us strong day,

You take our fatigue and bestow courage,

You take away our drowsy reluctance and fashion full-blooded zeal.

What shall we say?

You, only you, you

You at the hinge – and then the day.

You – and then us,

from you in faithfulness,

us for the day,

us in the freedom and courage and energy,

and then back to you – in trust and gratitude. Amen

Cross and Resurrection in John's Gospel – Paradox of Glory

Glory in John's Gospel

Hebrew Bible background – Glory – *kabod* – in Hebrew Scripture

Glory in Logos prologue

Signs as revelations of glory

Glory of the cross

John 17:1-4 God's glory in Jesus

John 17:22-24 God's glory: love between Father and Jesus, and between Father and us

Paradox of light

Revealing – Blinding – Obscuring – Revealing – Mystery

Lamb of God

Jesus as lamb of God John 1:29 and 1:36

Daily sacrifices of lambs in Temple at 9 and 3

Jesus dying on cross at time of afternoon sacrifice Mark 15:34

Prayers that may have been offered in the Temple at time of sacrifice of lambs

(1) Be our Redeemer

(2) Forgive our sins

(3) Send the Messiah

(4) Revive the dead

Jesus as end of all sacrifice

Hebrews 10:1-8

René Girard *Violence and the Sacred*

S. Mark Heim *Saved from Sacrifice: A Theology of the Cross*

Mystery of Resurrection – Fish Fry on the Beach

Jesus' mysterious resurrection appearances in John's Gospel

Mary Magdalene in the Garden

Don't hold me back

Thomas Not Believing/Confessing Jesus as God

Offer of touch – Not taken up?

Fish Fry on the Beach

Breath of new life in John 20:21-23, and commissioning for mission of forgiveness

But they have gone back to fishing

Jesus comes to them despite their unfaithfulness

Jesus not recognized – stranger on the beach

Jesus prepares a meal for them

Jesus invites them to contribute to the meal

Meal shared

Jesus and Peter

First personal encounter since tripartite denial on Maundy Thursday night

“I am not [one of his disciples].” John 18:17

“I am not [one of his disciples].” John 18:25

Peter denies being with Jesus in the Garden. John 18:27

Tripartite love conversation

Love – Love – Love

Agape/philia – Agape/philia – Philia/philia

Feed lambs

Tend sheep

Feed sheep

Taken where you do not wish to go

Follow me

John 21 – Fish Fry on the Beach

¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus 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. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you **love [agape]** me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love [*philia*] you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you **love [agape]** me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love [*philia*] you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you **love [philia]** me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you **love [philia]** me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I **love [philia]** you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”