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A Good News Story

Jesus Appears to His Friends

Q&A

Where did Jesus appear to His seven friends?

What did Jesus feed His friends for breakfast?

Read more about it in John 21

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After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His followers several times before returning to His Father in heaven.

One day, Jesus revealed Himself to seven of His friends on the Sea of Tiberias.

The seven — Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the two sons of Zebedee and two other followers — were gathered on the seashore.

They decided to go fishing, but they didn't catch anything that night.

At dawn, Jesus was waiting for them on the shore.

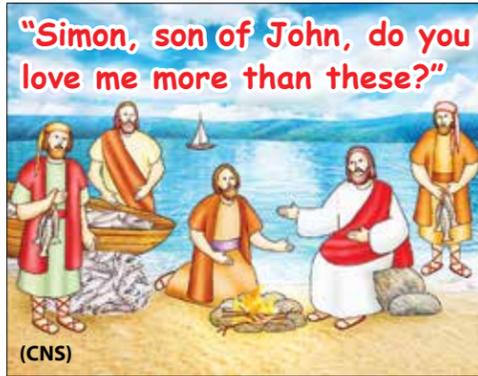
"Children, have you caught anything to eat?" Jesus called out.

"No," they replied, not recognizing Jesus.

"Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something," Jesus said.

They did, and the net was so full of fish that they could not drag it into the boat.

The apostle whom Jesus loved suddenly recognized Jesus and told Simon Peter, who jumped into the water so he could quickly get to shore. The others brought in the boat and the net full of fish.



Bible Trivia

How many fish did Jesus' followers have in their net? (Hint: John 21:11)

Answer: 153

Jesus had a charcoal fire going and a breakfast of fish and bread ready for them to eat. When they were done eating, He turned to Simon Peter.

"Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He asked.

"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you," he replied.

"Feed my lambs," Jesus said.

Jesus asked Simon Peter the same question a second time, and Simon Peter replied as he had before.

"Tend my sheep," Jesus said.

Jesus asked the same question a third time, which made Simon Peter a little distressed.

"Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you," he said.

"Feed my sheep," Jesus replied.

"Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go," Jesus told Simon Peter, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God.

And when Jesus had said this, He said to Simon Peter, "Follow me."

Find Sainly Inspiration For Summer Sidewalk Chalk

Summer is here! And with summer comes time for crafts and games. Dry sunny days are a great time to pull out sidewalk chalk for pictures and games — and learn a little about your faith, too.

One 19-year-old artist — just a little older than high-school siblings or cousins — found inspiration for her sidewalk chalk art in the Blessed Mother.

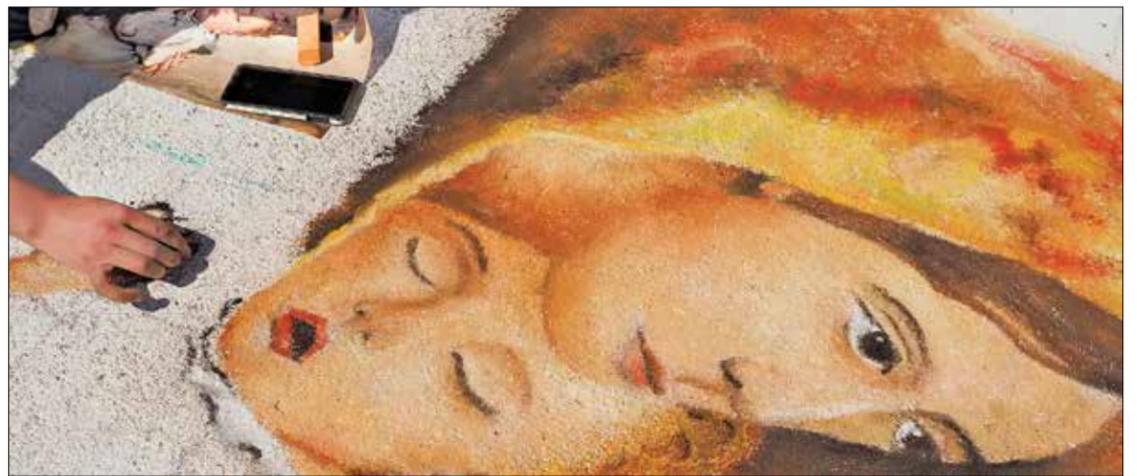
Maria Loh lives in Fargo, North Dakota, and started drawing with sidewalk

chalk several years ago.

"I knew nothing about chalk until I picked up a box and started doodling," she said. "If I think back, my grandparents had a chalkboard in their home and I always enjoyed drawing on it, so the love may have started when I was a child."

She discovered that sidewalk chalk art has been a tradition in the Church for hundreds of years, starting in Europe between the 13th to 16th centuries.

Chalk artists like Loh



(CNS photo/ Jerry L. Mennenga)

Artist Maria Loh draws an image of "Madonna of the Streets" on the sidewalk outside of the office of the Siouxland Catholic Radio station and St. Boniface Church in Sioux City, Iowa.

are called *Madonnaris*, named after Mary, the Madonna. They go to art festivals and draw Mary and other religious icons to tell people about the Church.

On April 21, Loh visited Sioux City, Iowa, for an art festival. She drew "Madonna of the Streets," an image of Mary as a poor mother holding Jesus to her heart. The drawing took many hours and much colorful chalk!

The next day, she drew with grade-school students at St. Michael School and others in Sioux City.

"I wanted people to know that God is the ultimate artist," she said. "We can look at creation to see that. Everything we create, we create for His glory."

So next time you're wondering what to draw on your driveway, the answer could be your favorite saint. —Information provided by Joanne Fox, Catholic News Service.

Show us! Send in your saintly summer art.

If you make any drawings of saints or Bible stories during the summer, ask your grown-ups to send a picture to *The Observer*.