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The Day Jesus Completed Earlier Stories

> *Children, do you have any fish?*
> **JN 21:5**

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You may not know this about Jesus,
but on the seashore after His resurrection,
He wasn't just creating new scenes-
He was bringing closure to earlier ones.

While reading the post-resurrection scene
on the shore of Galilee,
I noticed something I'd never seen.

What happened there
didn't just move the story forward.
It reached back.

Five earlier moments in His ministry
rise again on that beach-
not repeated,
but answered.
Paired scenes.
Bookends holding His ministry together.

1. The name of affection.
Jesus calls them "children" only twice-
once in the Upper Room (Jn 13:33),
and once on the shore (Jn 21:5).
The affection He spoke before the cross
meets them after it.

2. A second miraculous catch.
The first catch called Peter (Lk 5:1-11).
The second one restores him (Jn 21:1-14).
The miracle that began his mission
renews his mission.

3. A fire answered by a fire.
Peter denied Him at a charcoal fire (Jn 18:18).
Jesus restored him at another (Jn 21:9).
He heals Peter
where he failed Him.

4. Three questions for three denials.
"Do you love Me?"
three times (Jn 21:15-17)
answers the three earlier denials (Jn 18:17, 25-27).
He turns betrayal
into restoration and calling.

5. The call that began his path returns.
"Follow Me" at the beginning (Mt 4:19)
is spoken again at the end (Jn 21:19, 22).
The call to relationship doesn't fade-
it returns.

Five echoes.
Five bookends.
Five threads tied together
in one morning on the Galilean shore.

Jesus wasn't creating new scenes.
He was completing earlier ones-
closing the circle,
finishing what He began.

Where is Jesus answering an earlier moment in my life-
not repeating it,
but completing it?

He pairs the moments of my life
and completes what
I thought was finished,
forgotten,
or broken.

Father, thank You for returning to the early places
and completing what You started.
Help me see Your hand
working all things for my good.
In Jesus' name, Amen.