

who had stripped off his sleeveless tunic to haul the ropes, slipped it on again, and plunged into the water, swimming to the beach a hundred yards away. The rest followed with the net. There they saw a brazier, and fish broiling, and bread. Jesus—for it was he—bade them bring fish from the net. They laid the gleaming fishes on the beach, one hundred and fifty-three. "Now we will breakfast," said Jesus, and no one dared to ask who he was. He divided the food among them; and then he put to Peter a searching question. "Do you care for me more than these?" he asked. "Yes, Lord," he answered, "you know I love you." "Feed my lambs," said Jesus. Again Jesus said: "Do you care for me?" Peter replied as before. Jesus said: "Shepherd my young sheep." Then a third time Jesus asked the question: "Simon, son of Jonas, do you love me?" Peter remembered his three denials of his Lord, and was grieved. "You know everything," he pleaded; "you are acquainted with my love." Again Jesus said: "Feed my young sheep!" And then he told him how, later on, his disciple would follow him by being crucified. Peter asked what would happen to John. Jesus gave the curious answer: "If I will that he remain till I come, that does not concern you!" They thought he meant that John should not die; and