

Date: April 16, 2017 (Easter)
Message: Beyond Appearances
Text: John 21:1-14

Introduction

Jesus Christ isn't about appearances. In his resurrection he brings real life to us.

- I. Your life may seem unchanged (1-3)**
But despite appearances, life has changed forever

- II. Your failure may seem too great (vv. 4-8)**
But despite appearances, sin has been paid for forever

- III. Your ministry may seem unnecessary (vv.9-14)**
But despite appearances, Jesus loves to use you

"Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all." (Colossians 3:11)

Conclusion

- How does Jesus change your life... when you have the same job, family, and circumstances that you've always had?
- How is faith linked to a life that doesn't seem different?
- Is God really at work when you don't see change in others or yourself?
- Why does God use you at all, when he can make anything happen anytime?