**Sermon Notes on John 21:1-14** (also Acts 1)

*Some thoughts on living in a season of great uncertainty …*

**What we can learn from the disciples “in the in between”**

1. They did NOT …
2. They did …

Peter decided to go fishing

 Matthew 4:19 – was this a correct response?

 When we don’t know what to do, we press on with what we DO know.

 Note: Peter was not successful until Jesus showed up!

 ***How can we best use the time we have?***

Jesus came to meet their needs

 His presence confirmed the truth of the resurrection.

 His preparations met the physical needs of their lives.

 ***Where do you see Jesus showing up in your life in these days?***

The disciples “waited” as Jesus had directed

 Acts 1:4 –

 The result of God’s timing = Acts 2

 Note also Isaiah 40:31

 ***What is the benefit of “waiting on the Lord?”***

The disciples prepared to be “witnesses” of Jesus

 Acts 1:8

 What we say is more than what *we think*; it is God’s Truth.

 What we say is carefully exhibited in our lives and actions.

 ***What do you know of Jesus and what stories of his presence can you tell today?***

The disciples worked to select another disciple in place of Judas Iscariot

 Acts 1:21-26

 Should they not have waited for Jesus’ selection of Paul (Acts 9)?

 Note Paul’s own statement in 1 Corinthians 15:8-9.

 ***How can you continue the work of Christ’s Church in these days?***

The disciples prayed

 Acts 1:14 – but also 32 other references in Acts to prayer!

 No matter what or where, we can ALWAYS pray.

 Remember 2 Chronicles 7:14 –

 ***For what can you pray today?***