Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish

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John 21,1-14

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We have listened to account of apparition from the Gospel of John, which begins with an attempt of fishing by Peter and some disciples, and the deceit because there was not enough fish and the frustration of having found nothing, and then continues with the huge catch of fish after they have listened to Jesus' advice, and eventually with the meal eaten on the beach.

Jesus gets closer, and gives the loaves and fish to his disciples.

The bread and fish are the sign of his presence after His resurrection, the sign of His proximity, worry, desire of confirming his friendship.

These **are all symbolic signs to tell us that Jesus cares for our lives**, and wishes to take care of us all; Jesus can and wishes to feed each one of us with these bread and fish, like He does with the Eucharist.

Yet, we often do not feel His help and His closeness and ability to satisfy our hunger.

Why?

Perhaps we have not yet succeeded to be fully directed, determined, concentrated in searching for His *Kingdom*.

The testimony of the Saints tells us that their lives, also in the midst of toil and suffering was comforted, consoled and confirmed by the presence of the Saviour who supported them in their struggles.

This testimony, the greatest one is the one offered by St Paul, one of his apostles, who says: *I am aware that chains, beating and battles are awaiting, but what does it matter?*

I must walk, follow, testify, herald, and live the Word of God, live in friendship with God; my life is hidden with Christ in God. (Col 3,3)

Here's the secret; hide our life with Christ in God.

If we hide our life in Him and with Him, then everything will turn into good for us.

Dear brothers and sisters, be Easter an actual prodigious progress which is extraordinary and a means for peace in communion with our Lord resurrected.

Praise be to Jesus Saviour.