

The Fishers
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Episode IV -Back to Life

Adam Hey sis, could you pass me some more bread. I'm still a little peckish.

Beth When aren't you? You're like a dog you are – always hungry. Here you are.

Adam Thanks (*eats bread*) Actually I'm on a seafood diet.

Beth I hadn't noticed you being on any sort of diet. Anyway I thought you hated fish.

Adam I said seafood. Seafood and eat it.

Beth Oh ha ha ha. Very funny. Oh look, here come Lydia and Josh. Who's that girl with them?

Adam (*To himself*) It can't be. I don't believe it.

Beth Who it is?

Lydia Hi there guys, look who we bumped into!

Beth I'm sorry, have we met?

Josh It's Esther. You know Beth, ESTHER! Jarius' daughter.

Beth Oh, that Esther. I'm very pleased to meet you. I've heard a lot about you. I'm Beth.

Esther Hello Beth. And I guess this must be your brother Adam.

Adam (*Embarrassed*) Hello.

Lydia Adam we told Esther that you were really keen to meet her.

Adam You didn't. Er ... I mean.... did you?

Josh Yes, after hearing about her experiences when she met Jesus.

Adam Oh that..... Yes of course.

Beth Oh yes, Esther, do tell us all about it. Were you really, you know, dead?

Esther Well, yes I guess I was.

Beth What was it like being dead?

Adam What a stupid question. How do you expect he to remember that?

Esther Well yes you're right Adam. I don't really remember a thing.

Josh How did you know you were dead then?

Esther My dad told me. He got the doctor round who checked me over and decided I was dead. All the locals came in and started mourning.

Josh I heard about that. I gather they made quite a din with flute players, musicians and women wailing at the tops of their voices.

Lydia I bet your mum and dad were beside themselves with grief.

Esther Too right. But my dad decided to go to find Jesus. He's heard that Jesus had healed all sorts of people so figured he might be able to bring me back to life.

Adam And what did Jesus do?

Esther He came with my dad to our house followed me a huge crowd.

Beth Was it then that he healed that bleeding woman?

Josh Language Beth.

Beth ...that woman who was bleeding.

Esther Yes I think so.

Adam And what did he do when he entered your house?

Esther He turned at all the women and said "Go away. The girl is not dead but sleeping."

Josh I expect that went down well.

Esther Not half. They really took the rip out of him.

Adam And what did he do?

Esther He just took me by the hand and I heard him say "Little girl, I say to you get up."

Lydia And you woke up, just like that?

Esther Yes. It was as if I had just woken up from being asleep - but I wasn't sleepy.

Lydia That's amazing.

Beth And what was Jesus like?

Esther He was so kind and gentle, but you sensed this incredible power in him.

Adam That's what Josh and I saw when he told the storm to stop on the sea of Galilee.

Esther You were actually there?

Adam We were helping to sail the boat.

Esther Oh Adam, you're so brave. I would have been terrified by that storm.

Lydia Uh, oh Beth. Do you see what I see?

Beth I sure do.

Josh I was there too you know.

Lydia And you're brave as well Josh.

Adam So Esther, what did you make of Jesus? Your dad's ruler of the synagogue but most of the religious leaders don't like him at all.

Esther That's true. They got especially upset when he healed that paralysed man.

Beth The one whose friends lowered him through the roof?

Esther That's the one, The Pharisees accused Jesus of Blasphemy.

Beth Why was that?

Esther I'm not too sure. My dad said it was something to do with forgiving the man's sins. He says only God can do that..

Josh I can see that the Pharisees wouldn't like that. And they don't like the way he mixes with all sorts of strange people.

Lydia Like us!

Josh And like Tax-collectors. He even went to have a meal with Matthew of all people.

Beth Our dad doesn't like tax-collectors.

Adam Dead right, he doesn't. He says they're scum of the earth. Collecting money off us to give to the Romans and keeping a lot for themselves.

Josh My dad says "You never see a poor tax collector".

Lydia But isn't that what makes Jesus different. He doesn't mind who he mixes with.... posh synagogue rulers and their families...

Adam Steady, Lydia, remember our guest.

Lydia No offence, Esther.

Esther None taken.

Lydiarich tax collectors, or poor ignorant fishermen, like Adam and Josh.

Josh (*playfully*) Watch it Lydia, you're treading a fine line there.

Lydia (*laughing*) OK OK – poor intelligent fishermen like Adam and Josh.

Josh That's more like it.

Beth What was it he said the other day? Something like “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.” He seemed to be asking for volunteers. I reckon we should sign up.

Adam You’re right Beth. If Jesus wants workers, I’m available.

Josh I’m not sure I want to work in a field bringing in the harvest. I think I’d rather go fishing.

Beth He doesn’t mean literally Josh.

Lydia I take back what I said. Jesus will mix with anyone – poor intelligent fishermen like Adam, and even poor ignorant fishermen like Josh here.

Josh Right Lydia, that does it, you asked for it.

Lydia *(Screams/Giggles.)*

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