*occurred before*: see Luke v. 1 ff.  
**two other of his disciples**] Who these were  
does not appear. Probably (as Luthardt)  
some two not named in the Gospel, and  
therefore not specified in its appendix.  
  
  
**3.**] The disciples returned to their   
occupation of fishing, probably as a means of  
livelihood, during the time which the Lord  
had appointed them in Galilee between  
the feasts of the Passover and Pentecost.  
This seems to be the first proposal of so  
employing themselves.   
  
**They went  
forth**] from the house where they were  
together.   
  
**they caught nothing**] as  
before, Luke v.5. The correspondence of  
this account with that is very remarkable  
—as is also their entire distinctness in the  
midst of that correspondence. The   
disciples must have been powerfully reminded  
of that their former and probably last   
fishing together. And after the “*fishers of  
men*” of that other occasion, the whole  
could not but bear to them a spiritual  
meaning in reference to their apostolic  
commission :—their powerlessness without  
Christ,—their success when they let down  
the net at His word. Their present part  
was not to go fishing of themselves, but  
“*to wait for the promise of the Father,*”  
Acts i. 4 (Luthardt).   
  
**4.**] **stood on**  
**the shore**—the preposition rendered by *on*  
is here, as in ch. xx. 19, one of motion—  
He came and stood on the shore. A sudden  
appearance is indicated by the words.  
  
  
**5. Children**] In ch. xiii. 33 we have the  
similar expression, “ *little children*.”  
  
  
**have ye any fish ?**] This substantive is said  
to signify any thing eaten as an additament  
to bread, but especially *fish*. So that here  
the best rendering is as in margin.  
  
  
**6.**] See Luke v. 6.   
  
**7.**] The **therefore**  
here seems distinctly to allude to that   
former occasion in Luke v. 1 ff.—the similarity  
of the incident having led the beloved  
Apostle to scrutinize more closely the  
person of Him who spoke to them. “John  
is the more keen-sighted, Peter the more  
ardent. So John recognizes Him before  
Peter ; but Peter goes forth to Him before  
John.” Euthymius.   
  
He *put on* his  
fisher’s coat. or shirt for decorum : he *bound  
it round him*, to facilitate his swimming.  
  
  
**for he was naked**] i.e. he was  
stripped for his fisher’s work ;—some say,  
only without his upper garment. Some  
take it literally, that he was absolutely  
naked, which is more probable, and   
understand the putting on of’ the coat as above.  
Theophylact explains the word rendered  
“fisher’s coat” to be “a linen cloth which the  
Pheenicians and Syrians gird round them.”  
  
  
**8.**] 200 cubits = 100 yards. The