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 38-14. ST. JOHN.   
   
 then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals   
 there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. 10 Jesus saith   
 unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.   
 ll m Simon Peter 2 went up, and drew the net to land full   
 of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all   
   
 there were so many, yet was not the net ° droken. 32 Jesus   
 saith unto them, Come and P dine. And none of the ¢Actsx.s.   
   
 disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that   
 it was the Lord. 13 Jesus [4 ¢hen] cometh, and taketh   
 r dread, and giveth them, and 8 fish likewise.   
 14 This is   
 now "the third time that Jesus t skewed himself to his \*¥¢s-\*\*   
 disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.   
   
 2 vender, went aboard.   
 ™ yead, So Simon. P literally, breakfast : see note.   
 © render, rent. ¥ render, the bread.   
 4 omit. t render, manifested : see on ver. 1.   
 8 render, the fish.   
   
 Jake was about five miles broad, according their fear, and their knowledge that it was   
 to Josephus: according to Stanley, six in no other than He himself, hindered them.”   
 the widest part: according to Dr. Thomson, The verb rendered ask signifies   
 nine. 9—14.] The significant meal: more :—to question or prove Him.   
 sec below,on ver.14. 9.) The rationalist 13.] cometh,—from the spot where they   
 and semi-rationalist interpreters have taken liad seen Him standing, to the fire of   
 great offence at the idea of a miracle being coals, The words taketh bread, and giveth   
 here intended. But is it possible to un- them, bear evident trace of the same words   
 derstand the incident otherwise? As used on another oceasion, (Matt. xxvi. 26   
 Stier says, let any child reading the and parallels,) remind us of the similar   
 chapter be the judge. And what diffi- occurrence at Emmaus, Luke xxiv. 30.   
 culty is there in sueh a fire and fish being 14. This is now the third time] The   
 provided, either by the Lord Himself, or number here is clearly not that of all ap-   
 by the ministry of angels at His bidding ? pearances of Jesus up to this time, for that   
 11.] went aboard into the boat, to Mary Magdalene is not reckoned ; but   
 which apparently was now on the beach, only those to the disciples,—i. e. any con-   
 in the shallow water. an hundred siderable number of them together. This   
 and fifty and three] This enumeration is one internal trait of consisteney speaks   
 singular, and not to be accounted for by much for the authenticity and genuineness   
 any mystical significance of the number, of the addition. Without agreeing with   
 but as betokening the careful counting all the allegorical interpretations of the   
 which took place after the event, and in Fathers, I cannot but see much depth and   
 which the narrator took a part. was richness of meaning in this whole narrative.   
 not the net rent: herein differing from what The Lord appears to His diseiples, busied   
 happened Luke v. 6, when it was broken. about their oceupation for their bread ;   
 12. Come and dine] The word used speaks and acts in a manner wonderfully   
 implies the morning meal :—see ver. 3, 4. similar to His words and actions on a   
 none of the disciples durst ask him] former memorable oceasion, when we know   
 ¥ take these words to imply that they sat that by their toiling long and taking   
 down to the meal in silenee,—wondering at, nothing, but at his word enelosing a mul-   
 while at the same time they well knew, titude of fishes, set forth what should   
 Him who was thus their Host. Chrysostom befall them as fishers of men. C:   
 says, “for they no longer had their former miss that application at this far more im-   
 confidence, .... but in silence and much portant epoch of their apostolic mission ?   
 fear and reverence they sat down, looking Besides, He graciously provides for their   
 on Him: ... seeing His form changed and ‘present wants, and invites them to be His   
 very wonderful, they were much amazed, guests: why, but to shew them that in   
 and wanted to ask Him respecting it, but their work hereafter they should never