

# The catch of 153 fishes

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JOHN 21:10-11

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and that night they caught nothing.

**John 21:7** Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt *his* fisher's coat *unto him*, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.

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*Coincidence?*
*...or the Lord?*



Peter
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*Only one other man's name shows up in 153 verses in the Bible...*





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Peter and Paul each show up in 153 verses in the Bible.



Paul 153 verses



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**Acts 13:9** Then Saul, (who also *is called* Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

**Acts 13:13** Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.

**Acts 13:16** Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with *his* hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience.

**Acts 13:43** Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

# What's the connection?



Paul 153 verses



Peter 153 verses

153 fishes

*The Gospel was literally committed unto these two men!*



Peter

153

verses



Paul

153

verses

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GALATIANS 2:7



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*When did Jesus commit the gospel of the circumcision unto Peter?*



*Peter*

153 verses



*Paul*

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12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.



Peter

153

verses

Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

14 This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

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17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

JOHN 21:10-17



Peter

153

verses

*Who are Jesus' sheep?*

# *Jesus has Jewish sheep and Gentile sheep*

30 Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord GOD.

31 And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord GOD.

EZEKIEL 34:30-31

14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

JOHN 10:14-16

*Jesus committed the gospel of the circumcision to Peter right after the 153 fishes were caught*

*(Which makes John 21 a cross reference to Gal. 2:7)*



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*Notice where we find the 153rd mention of Paul...*



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GALATIANS 2:2,3,7

*Gospel of the Jews*



Peter

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*What does 153 represent?*

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# *The Gospel*



# Jesus + Gospel

*(Pure / Singular)*

*970 mentions*

*101 mentions*

# 1071

mentions

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*(Pure / Singular)* *(Singular)*

*970 mentions* *101 mentions*

# 153×7

(1071) mentions

*The gospel accounts of Jesus' earthly ministry both open and close with...*

# *Catching fish*



# *Christ's Baptism*

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12 And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness.

13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

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MARK 1:11-17

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The first miraculous catch (Luke 5)

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MATTHEW 4:18-19

*fishers of "men"*

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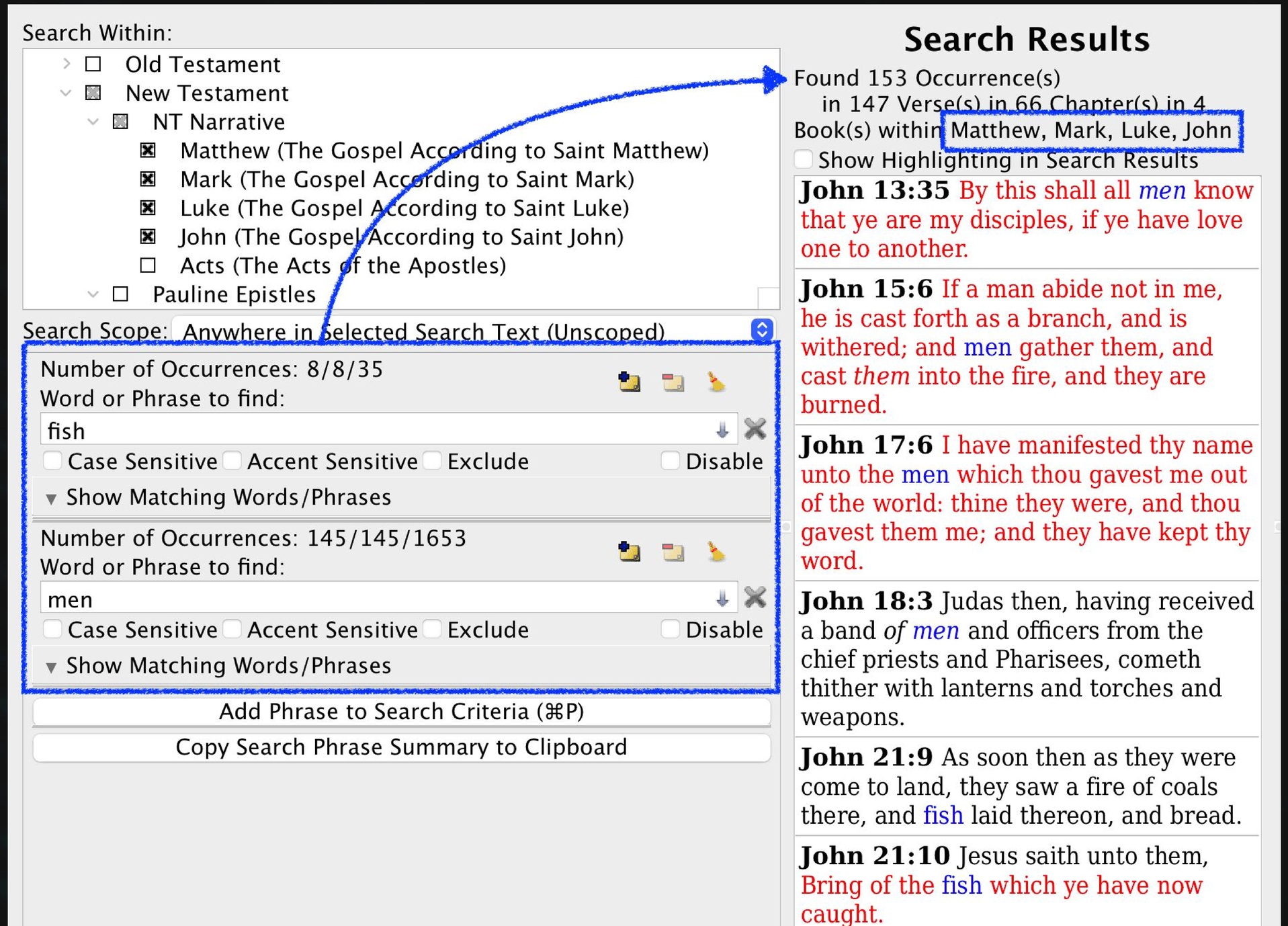
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*In the Gospels*

fish + men

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John 15:6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.
John 17:6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.
John 18:3 Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.
John 21:9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.
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*Others were present, but these are named specifically:*



James



John



Simon *(Peter)*

*All three would later partake in the catch of 153 fishes...*

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# James + John + Simon



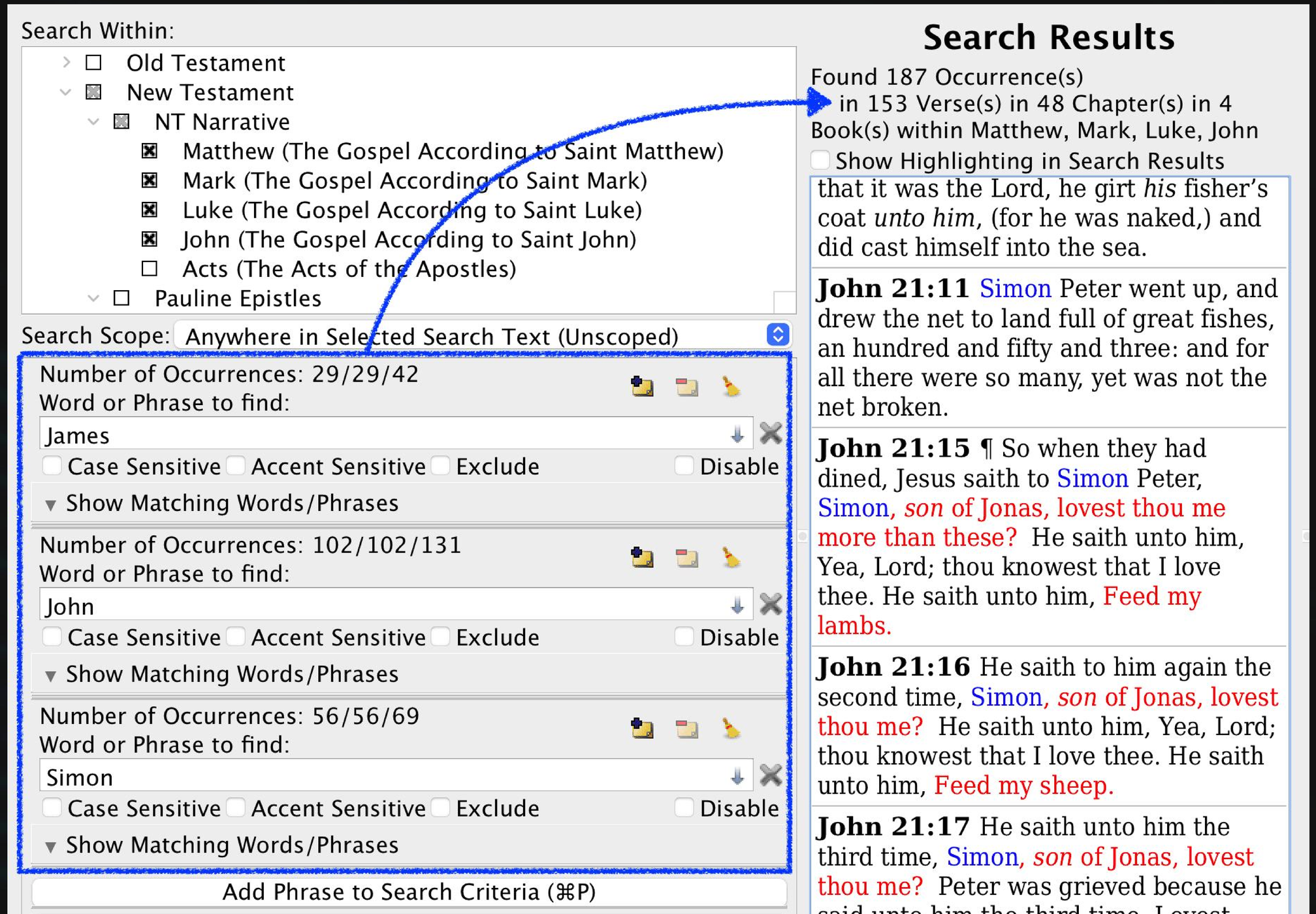




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*Even though Christ's earthly ministry was primarily directed at Jews...*



# *The gospel is for all...*

## Sea of Galilee

*Hebrew*

And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

MATTHEW 4:18

# Galilee

# גָּלִיל



*Origin:*

*Hebrew*

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MARK 1:16

# Galilee

# גָּלִיל



*Origin:*

*Hebrew*

# Lake of Gennesaret

*Greek*

And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

LUKE 5:1

# Gennesaret

## ΓΕΝΝΗΣΑΡΈΤ



*Origin:*

*Greek*

Sea of Tiberias

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After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself.

JOHN 21:1

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# TIBERIADIS



*Origin:*

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And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was,
JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in
Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin.

JOHN 19:19-20

*Before the most astonishing 153 discovery...*

# *Let's study the context...*



LUKE 5




JOHN 21

*Luke 5 takes place after Jesus preaches the Gospel for the first time*

*John 21 takes place around the time that Jesus gives the great commission*

14 Now after that John was
put in prison, Jesus came into
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MARK 1:14-15




15 And he said unto them,
Go ye into all the world, and
preach the gospel to every
creature.

MARK 16:15



*Proceeds a night of catching nothing*




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And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

LUKE 5:5




Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

JOHN 21:3



*The fishes are not raised into darkness, but into the light*




*The fishes are not raised into darkness, but into the light*



And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

*[Indicates this event occurred in daylight]*

LUKE 5:3




But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.

JOHN 21:4



*The fishes were caught by the word of Jesus*




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...Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes...

LUKE 5:5-6




And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

JOHN 21:6

# The Sea
*represents*
# The World

# The Fishes

*represent*

# Men

# The Fishermen

*represent*

# Disciples of Christ

*(Preachers, evangelists, missionaries, or any believer that shares the gospel)*

The Net

*represents*

The Gospel

The Catch

*represents*

The Gospel Preached
by the Word of God



*Luke 5 takes place*
*before the cross*




*John 21 takes place*
*after the cross*



And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

LUKE 5:6




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JOHN 21:11

*After Christ's death, blood atonement, and resurrection, the net no longer breaks when the fish (men) are caught.*

*The new testament is now activated and in full effect.*



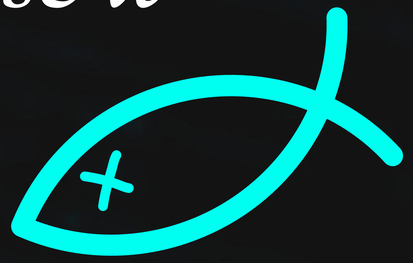


*Doesn't a fish die when it is caught up out of the water?*



*Doesn't a fish die when it is caught up out of the water?*

*Of course it dies!*



For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

COLOSSIANS 3:3

Therefore if any man be in Christ,
he is a new creature: old things are
passed away; behold, all things are
become new.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

JOHN 3:5



*With greater understanding that the fishermen (saved men) were once fishes (lost men)...*

# *Let's review...*

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10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

LUKE 5:9-10

*In the Gospels*

# James + John + Simon







# 153

verses *(Raw)*

*Raw: The count is true for their names, but many instances are not referring to these men themselves (E.g. John the Baptist)*

# Raw Count

A Pure Count would build stronger case for inspiration.

*In the Gospels*

## James + John + Simon



# 153

verses *(Raw)*

*Raw: The count is true for their names, but many instances are not referring to these men themselves (E.g. John the Baptist)*

# What about the fishermen who caught the 153 fishes...?



10 Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.

11 Simon Peter 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 broken.

JOHN 21:10-11



*Peter drew the net to land, but he wasn't the only fisher...*

2 There were together Simon Peter,
and Thomas called Didymus, and
Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and
the sons of Zebedee, and two other
of his disciples.

3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go
a fishing. They say unto him, We
also go with thee. They went forth,
and entered into a ship
immediately; and that night they
caught nothing.

JOHN 21:2-3



Peter



Thomas



Nathanael



James



John

*+ two other disciples (not identified)*

4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.

5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.

6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

JOHN 21:4-6

## *Fishers of 153 Fishes*


Peter*


Thomas


Nathanael


James


John

*+ two other disciples (not identified)*

*In the Gospels*

# 153 mentions

*Pure* (93 antimentions)

- James the less (8x)
- James, half-brother of Jesus (2x)
- John the Baptist (83x)

*Fishers of 153 Fishes*

97x  Peter*

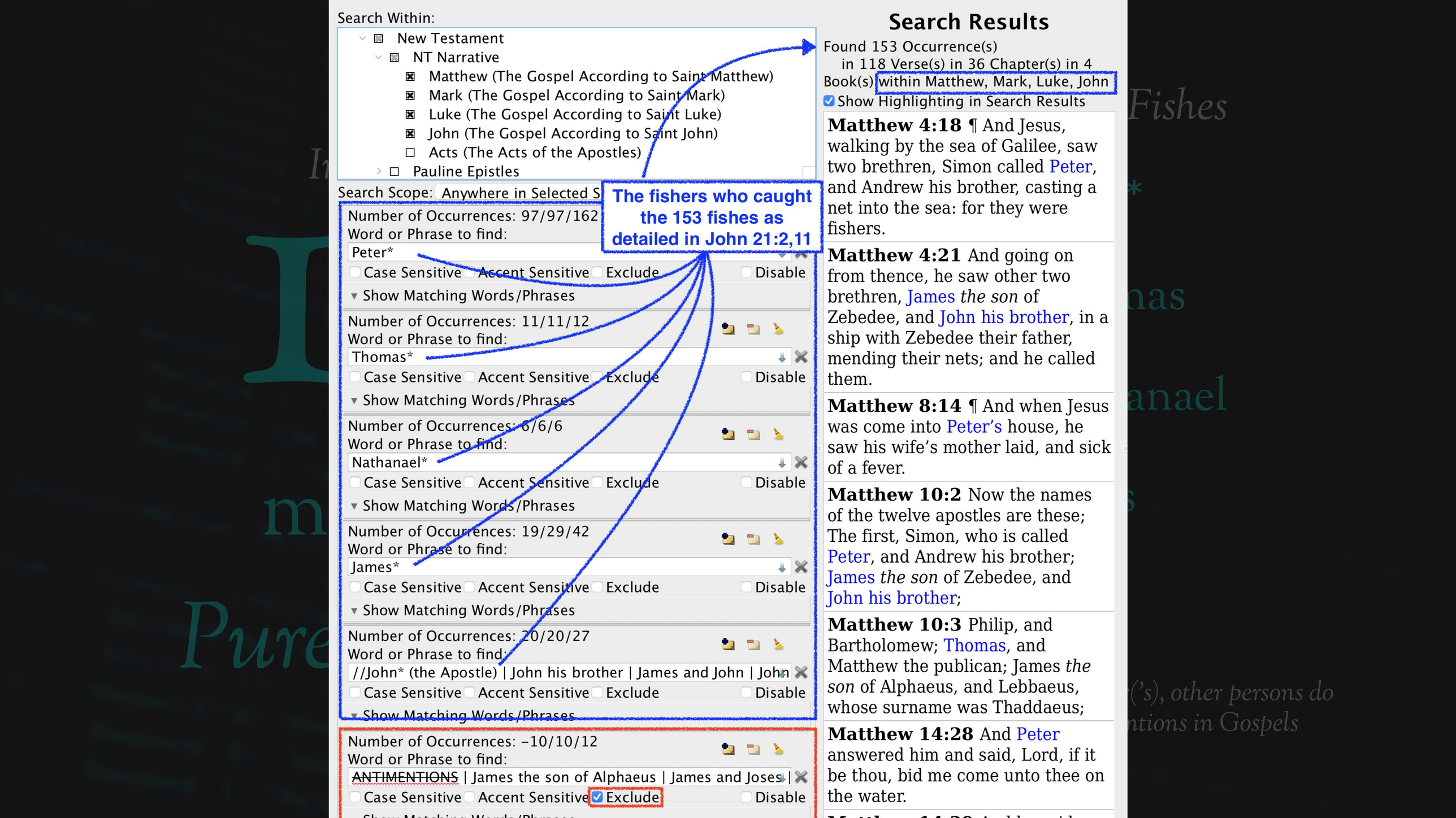
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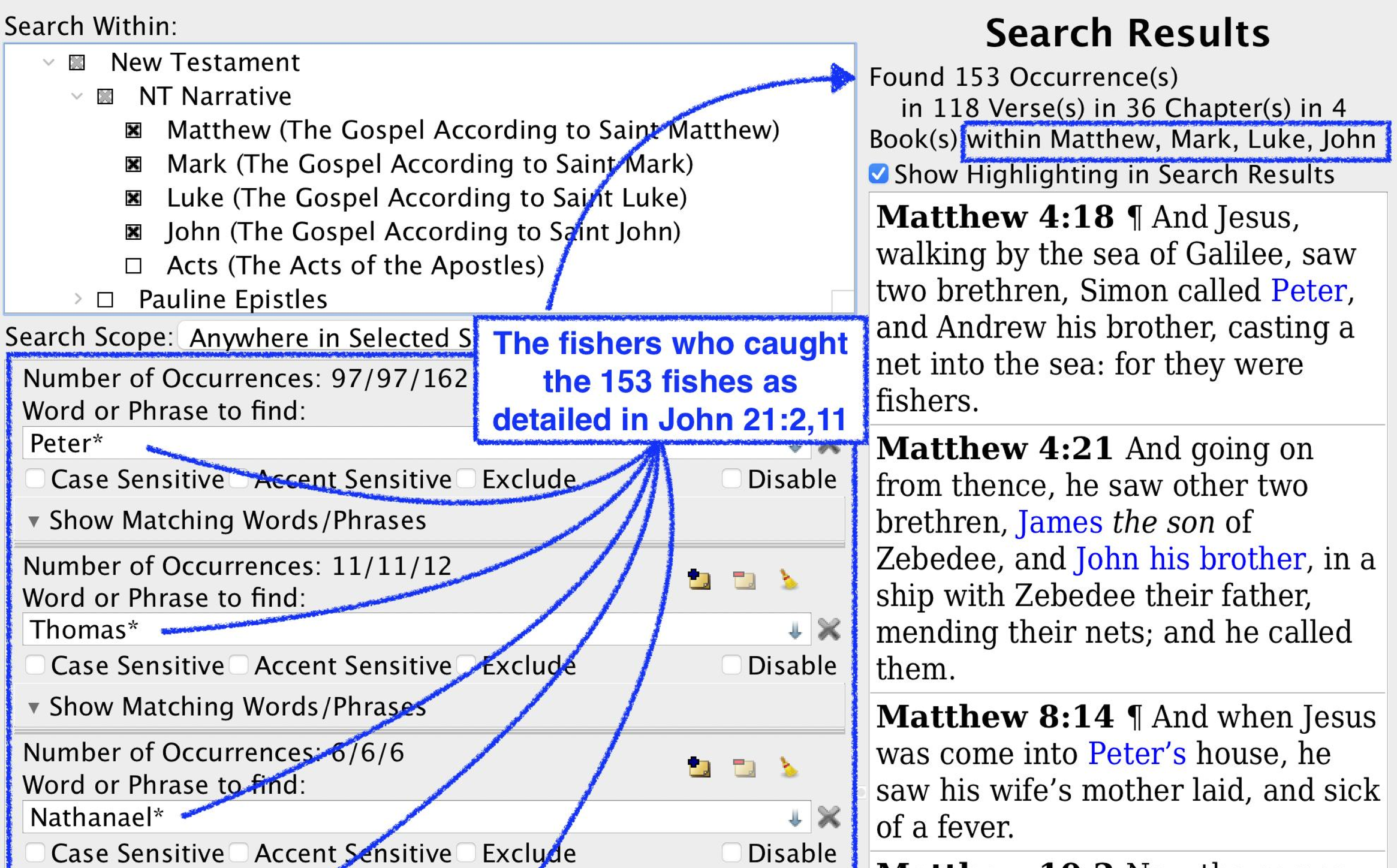
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** All mentions of Peter('s), other persons do not have possessive mentions in Gospels*


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*In the Gospels*

# 153

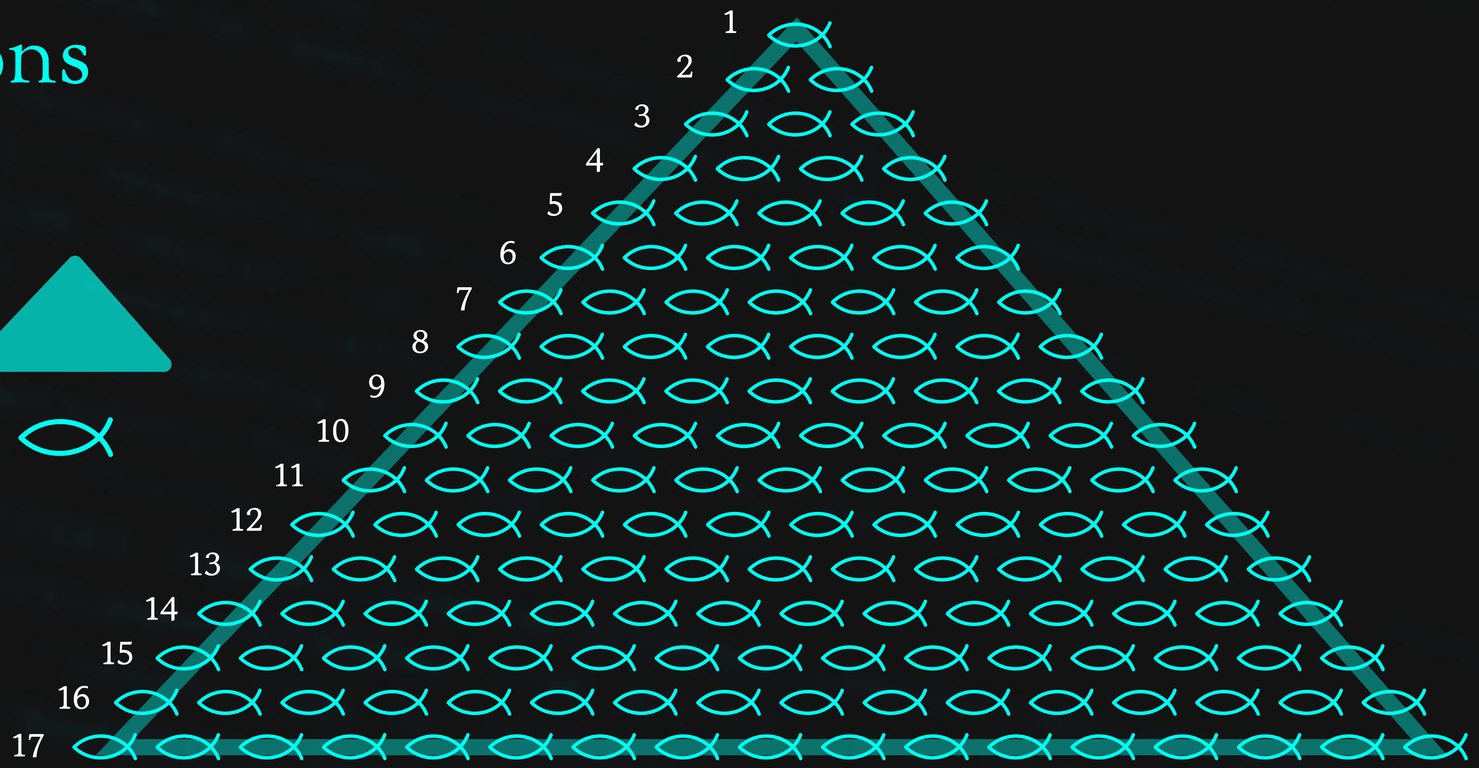
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# *Fishers of the 153 Fishes*



Total

T17 = 153



# Fishers of the 153 Fishes

*In the Gospels*

**153**

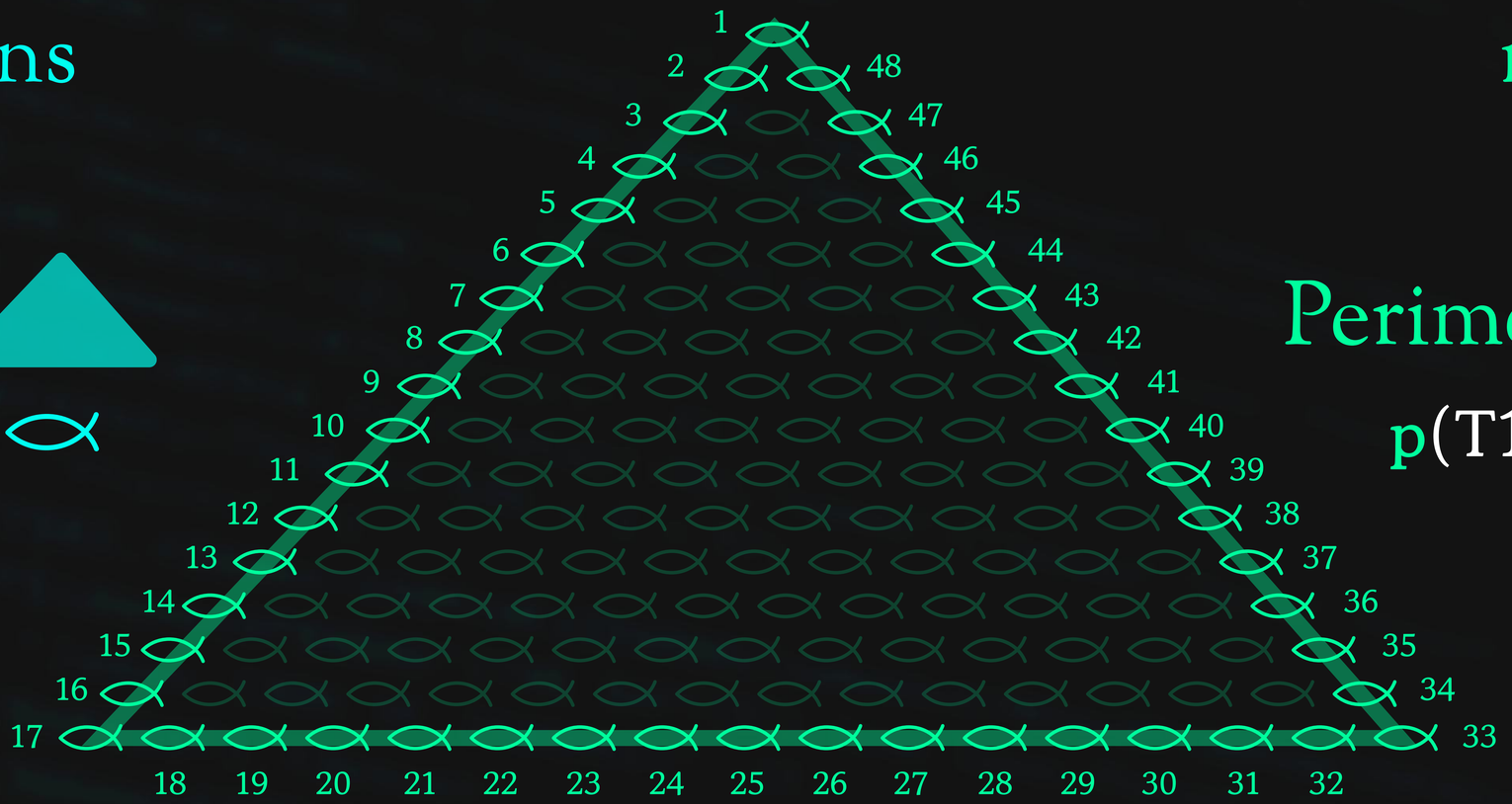
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*In John*

**48**

mentions




## Total

T17 = 153

## Perimeter

p(T17) = 48

*I noticed something about*
*the order of their names...*



2 There were together Simon Peter,
and Thomas called Didymus, and
Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and
the sons of Zebedee, and two other
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3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go
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and entered into a ship
immediately; and that night they
caught nothing.

JOHN 21:2-3



Simon Peter



Thomas



Nathanael



James



John

*+ two other disciples (not identified)*

*In the Gospels*

# 153 mentions

*Pure* (17 antimentions)

- Simon father of Judas Iscariot (4x)
- Simon of Cyrene, the cross bearer (3x)
- Simon Zelotes, the apostle (3x)
- Simon the Pharisee (3x)
- Simon, Jesus' haf-brother (2x)
- Simon the leper (2x)

*First Three Names Listed*

142x  Simon / Peter
45x 97x

11x  Thomas / Didymus
11x 3x

6x  Nathanael

19x  James

20x  John

*+ two other disciples (not identified)*

*In the Gospels*

# 48

mentions

## *Pure*

(93 antimentions)

- James the less (8x)
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- John the Baptist (83x)

## *Remaining Names*

142x  Simon / Peter
45x 97x

3x  Thomas / Didymus
11x 3x

6x  Nathanael

19x  James

20x  John

*+ two other disciples (not identified)*

*In the Gospels*

# 153
mentions

+

# 48
mentions

*All Names of Fishers*

142x 
**Simon / Peter**
45x 97x

14x 
**Thomas / Didymus**
11x 3x

6x 
**Nathanael**

19x 
**James**

20x 
**John**

*+ two other disciples (not identified)*

Peter



Thomas



Nathanael



James



John



*First Names Listed*

153

mentions



Simon Peter



Thomas







*What are the chances?*

*Principal Names*

153

mentions

Computer-generated results tell us
there is a *1 in 1800 chance* for a
random group of names to produce
153 mentions in the Gospels.

That's like rolling two 1800-sided dice each with 1 winning side, and landing on the winning side *on both dice.*

The chances of this: (1/1800) x (1/1800)
= 1 in 3,240,000

However... those are only the odds of getting two completely random groups of 153 names.

*For Example:*

*(Christ + Obed + Moses + Pilate) = 153x*

*(Ruth + John + Solomon + Christ) = 153x*

| *Group Names* | *Total* |
|---|---|
| "Christ Obed Moses* Pilate" | 153 |
| "Simon* {FATHER OF JUDAS ISC.} Peter* Pilate" | 153 |
| "Christ Israel Nathanael Simon* {PETER} Barabbas Aaron" | 153 |
| "Pilate Mary {MOTHER OF JESUS} Beelzebub Joseph* {HUSBAND OF MARY} Christ" | 153 |
| "Mary {MOTHER OF JESUS} Moses* Mary {MAGDALENE} John* {THE BAPTIST}" | 153 |
| "John* {THE BAPTIST} Herod \| Herod's {ANTIPAS} Simon* {PETER}" | 153 |
| "Azor Simon* {PETER} James {THE LESS SON OF ALPHAEUS} Mathusala Peter*" | 153 |
| "Abiud Pilate Peter* Daniel" | 153 |
| "Booz Christ Moses* Pilate" | 153 |
| "David* Daniel Peter* Lazarus" | 153 |
| "Pilate Elisabeth* Mary {OF BETHANY} John* {THE BAPTIST}" | 153 |
| "John* {THE BAPTIST} Pilate Zacchaeus Lazarus" | 153 |
| "Solomon* Peter* Herod \| Herod's {THE GREAT} Esaias Noe James {SON OF ZEBEDEE}" | 153 |
| "Ruth John* {THE BAPTIST} Solomon* Christ" | 153 |
| "John* {THE APOSTLE} John* {THE BAPTIST} Barabbas David*" | 153 |
| "Mary {MOTHER OF JESUS} John* {THE BAPTIST} Pilate" | 153 |
| "Rachel Abraham* Peter* James {SON OF ZEBEDEE} Josaphat" | 153 |
| "John* {THE BAPTIST} James {THE LESS SON OF ALPHAEUS} Ju | 153 |
| "Moses* Josias John* {THE BAPTIST} Simeon {MAN IN TEMPLE | 153 |
| "Solomon* Christ John* {THE BAPTIST} Jorim" | 153 |

We aren't interested in random groups. We are only interested if the names naturally fit together.

Peter



Thomas



Nathanael



James



John



*First Names Listed*

153

mentions



Simon Peter



Thomas







No other natural group of names in the Gospels produce 153 mentions *besides the fishermen who catch 153 fishes*

*Principal Names*

153

mentions

Peter



Thomas



Nathanael



James



John



*First Names Listed*

153

mentions



Simon Peter



Thomas







Which means the chances are much worse than 1 in 3,240,000.

*(Our dice analogy fails)*

*Principal Names*

153

mentions

Peter



Thomas



Nathanael



James



John



*First Names Listed*

153

mentions



Simon Peter



Thomas







*How can we calculate the odds of something that is never repeated?*

*Principal Names*

153

mentions

*Dear brother and sisters in Christ,*

The numbers cannot sanctify your life.
They show you the book that can.

*Dear lost sinner,*

The numbers cannot save you from your sins.
They point you to the person who can.



*David once said...*

“...there is but a step
between me and death.”

1 SAMUEL 20:3



Are we ready for when
that last step comes?

Can we take a minute to
examine ourselves?

Are we ready to meet
Jesus Christ?

# 1 Corinthians 15:3

For I delivered unto you first of all that
which I also received, how that Christ
died for our sins according to the
scriptures;

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

1 CORINTHIANS 15:4

For whosoever shall call upon the
name of the Lord shall be saved.

ROMANS 10:13

Amen.