

"Follow Me"

JOHN 21 • LESSON 24



_____ this Jesus _____ himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. (John 21:1)

John begins to draw his Gospel to a close by describing a night after Jesus' resurrection when Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples went fishing. That night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, _____ stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the _____ side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the _____!" (21:4-7)

When they got back to land, they saw a charcoal _____ in place, with fish laid on it, and bread. John, as an eyewitness, even tells us how many fish they miraculously brought to shore — _____ large fish. And although there were so many, the net was not torn (21:11). This was now the _____ time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead (21:14).



But the real emphasis of this last chapter seems to be on Jesus' conversation with Simon Peter.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you _____ me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "_____ my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "_____ my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was _____ because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my _____." Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "_____ me." (21:15-19)

When Peter questioned Jesus about John, Jesus repeated, "_____ follow me!" (21:22).

In a wonderful conclusion, John reminds us that there were many other things that Jesus. But these that he has told us about? These are written so that we may believe. Let's talk about it...

For Class & Family Discussion:

- This was not the first time that Peter, James, and John had an experience like this. Let's go back and read **Luke 5:1-11** together. What do these encounters teach us about Jesus' power?

- But the real emphasis of **John 21** seems to be on Jesus' conversation with Simon Peter (**21:15-19**). What does this conversation teach us about Jesus' heart? Why do you think Jesus asked Simon the same question three times?

- John seems to be telling us something important in **21:20-23**. What does he want us to understand?

- This entire study of John's Gospel has really revolved around two questions: (1) "Who is Jesus?" and (2) "How will believing in him help us to have life in his name?" One more time, let's think through the "I am" statements of Jesus. How do they answer those two really important questions?
 - "I am the bread of life" (**6:35, 48, 51**)
 - "I am the light of the world" (**8:12**)
 - "I am the door" (**10:7-9**)
 - "I am the good shepherd" (**10:11, 14**)
 - "I am the resurrection and the life" (**11:25-26**)
 - "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (**14:6**)
 - "I am the true vine" (**15:1**)
 - "Before Abraham was, I am" (**8:58**)

