

## FINAL NOTES - THIS WEEK'S STUDY – 3/18-19/24 - (John 21:1-25)

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## OPENING PRAYER

**Review from last week: *The Empty Tomb! Mary Magdalene Sees The Risen Lord! The Apostles Commissioned! Seeing and Believing! That You May Believe!***

### The Purpose of This Book

- (*Joh 20:30-31*) And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; [31] but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

***(John 21:1-25) – Breakfast by the Sea! – (vs. 1-14); Jesus Restores Peter! - (vs. 15-19); The Beloved Disciple and His Book! - (vs. 20-25)!***

- **John chapter twenty-one.** Some think that the gospel of John actually ended with chapter twenty and that chapter twenty-one is almost an epilogue to the gospel of John. It is as though John wrote this later and added it to the Gospel. However, there has never been a copy of John's Gospel circulated in church history without chapter 21! No copies have ever been found without Chapter 21! It would seem that if the original John's had only had 20 chapters, all of the power and heaven and earth would never have been able to stop its circulation, let alone it is extinction. God preserves His word. He inspires it. Church fathers all through church history, have every single copy of John's manuscripts, everything, including Chapter 21. There are some great things written here for us to learn. It is written for us and it is preserved for us.
- **Here is what Chapter 21 tells us:** First, how to then take the gospel and evangelize to be fishers of men. Second, when men are caught then how to shepherd them. Third, how different we can be in character; how different our journeys and callings can be! But our destiny is the same and it makes it so clear as we go through it.

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***Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples***

***Joh 21:1 After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself:***

- **It was Jesus Himself that made the decision there in Galilee to manifest Himself to them.** They were not looking. They did not expect it. There is a lesson here for all of us. Jesus is proactive in the process, and He manifests Himself to them as He did to us, when we were saved and as He has done for us many times. He does it, you know, wonderfully in the most familiar terrain. This is the same Jesus, although resurrected now. He **manifests Himself for 40 days with infallible proofs showing Himself, risen and alive**

***Joh 21:2 Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee (James and John), and two others of His disciples were together.***

- **They were there.** They were waiting for Jesus in the appointed place.

***Joh 21:3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They (seven of the disciples) went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.***

- **They were restless. Their future was still uncertain.** They did not know yet what the future held and in this restlessness, just waiting, Peter, it would appear more or less, was just giving up. He said, seemingly, without prayer, but just his self-will, that I'm going fishing. Sort of, I am going back to fishing, just to "dip his toe back into the old life." He was a fisherman when Christ first met him. It was from his fishing that Jesus called him to become a fisher of men. We need to be careful not to go back to our old ways! Once He calls us into His service, He does not give us the freedom to resign, to quit, and go back to our old life!
- **Luke's gospel tells us in chapter five concerning the call of Peter from his nets,** Jesus had been thronged by the multitudes, they were pressing so much that it was difficult to speak to them. So from Peter's boat, Jesus taught the multitudes. When He was finished with the lesson, He said to Simon, now let us go out into the deep and you can let down your nets for a catch of fish. When they let down their nets, immediately they were filled with fish: and the nets began to break. When they came to shore, Jesus said, Leave it now, and I will make you fishers of men (Luke 5:3-11).
- **Now some three years later, restless because Jesus has not appeared, impatient, Peter said I am going fishing.** No doubt Peter was a natural leader.

***Joh 21:4 But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.***

- **Actually they were about a hundred yards out. At that distance, they could not recognize Him.** It was probably still dusk, early morning. They heard this voice, they could see the form.

**Joh 21:5 Then Jesus said to them, "Children (lads), have you any food?" They answered Him, "No."**

- **"Children, have you any food?"** Or did you catch anything? That is really sort of an obvious question for a fisherman. You see a guy fishing, you say, You catch anything? It was and still is typical that fish purchasers meet the fisherman early in the morning to determine what the catch of fish that had been for that day.
- **They answered Him, "No." That is exactly where He wants to get them.** Notice John just says, They said, No! He did not tell about the whoppers that got away or anything else. He just said, No, we did not catch anything.

**Joh 21:6 And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.**

- **Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.** Interestingly enough, back in Luke's gospel chapter five, it followed a night of failure. Lord, we have been fishing all night and caught nothing. Nevertheless, at Your word, we will do it. What a difference there is between self-motivated service and directed service. Service that is directed by the Lord is fruitful! So often that which we do just as a matter of routine is unprofitable. It does not gain us anything. But service directed by the Lord; notice how certain the Lord is: Cast your nets on the right side and you shall find! He is directing now again their activities. When Jesus directs the activities of your life, you can be certain that there is going to be success!
- **So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.** These guys must have been thinking, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat!" You have got to be kidding me, you know? You're telling me to throw the net just 7-10 foot away! They did not know that those fish were waiting. God's Providence was at work here!
- **It is exactly the lesson they are supposed to learn, and that we are supposed to learn!** You can labor all night, doing your best! You can be worn out, going in your own strength. Then, it is like, well, have you gotten anywhere? No! Try it 7 feet away! You have to be kidding me. And through His Word, and through obedience to His word, the huge catch of fish comes! What had not come in a long season of labor and their humanity now comes at the direction of the Master. And it will be that way in our lives, we may give ourselves certain things. We may be worn out by them, but they may be things that we think are most familiar with, or we are actually good at, and things that are not wrong. But sometimes in the circumstances we will only see the fruit when the Master directs our steps! There is a supernatural part to all of this! And then the catch was so full they could not draw it in! The net was burgeoning with fish!

**Joh 21:7 Therefore that disciple (John) whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (his coat - for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.**

- **John recognizes, It is the Lord!** John said I am that disciple of Jesus loved. It is always love that perceives His presence first. It is always the one who loves Him, who rises seeking Him with all their heart, who recognizes His presence first. Peter is very different. John was the first one to recognize Him. Peter was the first one to get to Him. God uses us. We are so different in our personalities. All called, all loved equally.
- **Whenever the nets get so full that you cannot draw them in,** you know there is only one reason for it and that is, it is the Lord! When John saw they could not draw in the net because of the multitude, he said, "It is the Lord!" That is always the case. It is just the work of the Lord!
- **Peter put on his outer garment (for he had removed it.) That is, he was wearing the typical loincloth.** So he grabbed his coat.
- **Plunged into the sea. Again, impulsive, impetuous Peter** and just not willing to wait to get in the little boat and row. He just swam. It is the Lord! His eagerness to get to Jesus. I love it!

**Joh 21:8 But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish.**

- **The disciples were not going to let that catch go!** They came dragging the net in with the fish!

**Joh 21:9** Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread.

- Where did Jesus get the bread? Where did Jesus get the fish? We do not know. But He had it all prepared for them!

**Joh 21:10** Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught."

**Joh 21:11** Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken.

- It is said that Simon was sort of a giant of a man. There is a book called *The Giant Fisherman* and he seeks to trace some of the early legends and stories about Peter, that he was a big fellow. It is perhaps an indication here because they could not draw the net into the ship but Peter, it would seem, drew it to shore by himself. "There were so many, the net was not broken."
- Remember back in (Luk 5:6) And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. Here the net was not broken. The number of large fish is a staggering, one hundred and fifty-three! There were so many!
- **One hundred and fifty-three.** John's recording of the precise number reinforces the fact that he was an eyewitness author of the events he recorded. Jesus' action here in supernaturally providing the fish also indicated that He would still provide for His disciples' needs. What you have here is John, an old man now, so impressed that in one catch, he actually is remembering this. There were 153 large fish in that net! And the net, amazingly not broken! He is thinking this is the difference between us trying to do it on our own and directed service, by Him! It can be right next to, it can be that close. It can be that simple. Here we fish all night and catch nothing! John said there were 153 large fish in that net. And it was not broken!
- **The fish are not the primary thing here, as they will not be brought up again.** The lesson here is that once called to the new life – that of being fishers of men – they, we, are not to go back again to our old life! Also anything that I can do in life, no matter what our expertise in, Jesus can do better, adding the level of the supernatural! And when He calls us to do things that we cannot understand, He does it to show that there is no way for that fruitful thing to happen, unless He causes it! May we always be praying and listening to Him to find out where we are to cast our net in this coming workday that we have! It also teaches us that Christian service will always require a measure of faith! Also that failure is never a time to quit, but it is a time to trust the Lord more!

**Joh 21:12** Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"—knowing that it was the Lord.

- **Knowing that it was the Lord.** Notice here again, the third time Jesus has manifested Himself to the disciples, there is a familiarity shown regarding Jesus in His bodily form after the resurrection, but also there seems to be some change. After His resurrection, in the many appearances of Jesus, He was not always immediately recognized. Very early in the morning Mary Magdalene saw Him in the garden, she thought that He was the gardener. In the daylight, the two disciples on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Him. The very fact that John would say, "None dared to ask Him, Who are You? Knowing that it was the Lord," would indicate that there was probably some change in His appearance after His resurrection from the dead.
- **We do know that He still bore the marks of the cross. In His hands there were still the prints of the nails.** There was still the mark where the spear pierced His side. It is possible that His face still bore the marks of the horrible abuse at the hands of the soldiers and of the officers of the high priest. They had beaten Him quite severely. They had pulled out His beard just grabbing hands full and pulling it out. His face was so disfigured that in looking at Him, you would not even recognize Him as a human being! Isaiah told us by way of prophecy. So it could be that He was still bearing some of those marks of the horrible abuse that He received at the hands of the soldiers and of the high priest officers who had so badly beaten Him. (**Zec 12:10b**) then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.
- **We are told in the book of Revelation that in heaven, when the time comes for the redemption of the earth,** for the kingdom of God to be established and Satan's power and hold to be broken and Satan overthrown, that as the title deed to the earth is presented in heaven and the angel asked who's worthy to take this scroll and to break the seals, that when John is weeping because no one was found worthy, how that the elders said to John, Don't weep! Behold, the lion of the tribe of Judah has prevailed. He will take the scroll and lose the seals. And John said, (**Rev 5:6c**) And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and

of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. So that in heaven He may still bear the marks of His suffering on the cross!

- **Isaiah tell us that when we beheld Him, we turned our face from Him.** (*Isa 53:2c-4*), *For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. [3] He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. [4] Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.* It could be that your very first view of Jesus will be a great shock!
- **Is it possible that God has allowed Him to keep the marks of His suffering and of His death so that we will be reminded** when we see Him of the great extent of God's love for us? That He was willing to allow His Son to be thus physically abused in order that you might be forgiven! Your transgressions and your sins in order that you might be able to have a share in the eternal inheritance of the kingdom of God! That every time we look at Jesus, there will be just that fresh rush of love! Lord, You were willing to take that for me! Is that possible? I do not know. There are indications that that might be so, which could be the reason why they did not immediately recognize Jesus.
- **Isaiah said, And when we beheld Him, His face was so disfigured that you could not recognize Him** as a human being. But (*Isa 53:5*) *But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.*

**Joh 21:13 Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it (ever the Servant!) to them, and likewise the fish.**

**Joh 21:14 This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.**

- **After this, He showed Himself still more.** (*Act 1:3*) *to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.* For forty days, Jesus was seen by His disciples after His resurrection. He did return and they did return to Jerusalem.
- **At one point, He was seen by over five hundred disciples at one time.** There were other appearances, to James and to others. His last appearance to the disciples was in Jerusalem or outside of Jerusalem. He went with them over to the Mount of Olives as far as to the city of Bethany which is down the hill towards the Judaeian wilderness. It was from there that He ascended into heaven and that was the last time the disciples saw Him. So this is the third time, not the last time, but the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after He was risen from the dead.

**Jesus Publicly Restores Peter! - (vs. 15-19)!**

**Joh 21:15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love (agape) Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love (phileo) You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."**

- **Jesus used the word "agape" when He asked, "Do you love Me?"** The word "agape" is a love in the realm of the Spirit. It is the deepest love that man can know. It is true love. The shallowest love is probably love on the physical level, that's "eros" and that is the thing that Hollywood plays up so much.
- **There is another love, the "phileo" which is emotional love. It is a brotherly love.** So the city of brotherly love, "*phileo adelphos*—Philadelphia. That is love on an emotional level. It is a mutual kind of a benefit from the relationship. I love you because you love me and you make me feel good. There is a mutual benefit from it.
- **But when you get to the "agape," this becomes a giving love.** It is more interested in the giving aspect than it is the receiving aspect. In fact, it gives without condition, without expecting to receive anything in return! It continues to give even if it does not receive. It is the deepest form of love. It is the love that is described of God. *God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.* There that word "agape" is used. It is a giving love.
- **Now this word "agape" is almost unknown in classical Greek.** They knew much about "*stergeo*," (natural affection) and "*eros*" and the "*phileo*." But they knew very little about the "*agape*." It is a word that was almost coined by the New Testament for the New Testament. A word that was developed to separate this kind of love because it is different and exceeds all other kinds or types of love. Whenever a

new word is introduced into a language, that word has to be defined so that when a person uses it, you know what they are talking about.

- **Paul gives us a very good definition of agape in (1Co 13:4-8) Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; [5] does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; [6] does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; [7] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. [8] Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.**
- **Also in (Gal 5:22-23) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. If your life is filled with the Spirit, truly filled with the Spirit, this will be the fruit. This will be the result. It is agape. Then he defines it for you. Joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. These are the characteristics of this agape love. This is the love that Jesus taught His disciples that they should have.**
- **“Do you love me more than these?”** So He asks Peter, **Do you love Me more than these?** Or is your love for Me the supreme love of your life? That is what Jesus is wanting to know from you, and from me! Is your love for Him the supreme love of your life? Or are there other things that you love more?
  - ✓ **The ten commandments, the first one is, (Exo 20:3) “You shall have no other gods before Me.** Are there gods, are there loves, are there interests in your life that take precedence over your interest in God and your relationship with God? Is God first? Everything else can go by the boards. Nothing else matters as much as my relationship with God. Do I love Him supremely! That is what Jesus is asking.
  - ✓ **In (Deu 6:4-5) “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! [5] You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.** And Jesus added, **(Mat 22:39-40) And the second is like it: ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ [40] On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”** He used the word *agape* to translate the Hebrew into the Greek.
  - ✓ **Do you love Me more than these? More than the old life of fishing?** At this time, the fish were probably still flopping there in the nets on the shore. The net was full of large fish. It really represented the epitome of success in the career that he had been following. Is that more important to you? Do you love that more than you love Me, Peter?
  - ✓ **Do you love me more than these other disciples?** Earlier Jesus had told the disciples that Satan had asked to sift them like wheat **(Luk 22:31) And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat! In (Mat 26:33-34) Peter answered and said to Him, “Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.” [34] Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.”** So is the “more than these” referring to Peter’s saying that **He loved Jesus more than these other disciples?**
  - ✓ **Jesus talked about the sacrifice of following Him. (Mat 16:24) Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.** But a man who is not willing to forsake all to follow Him, Jesus said, was not really worthy for the kingdom of heaven. He does not want just a part of your love. He does not want just a part of your life. He wants all of your love!
  - ✓ **Jesus had said to His disciples at the last supper, (Joh 14:21) He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”** In other words, our love for Jesus is proved by our obedience to Him. Keeping His commandments. His commandments were that we were to love one another. **(Joh 15:12) This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.** So do you love Me, Jesus said, *more than these?* Is your love for Me supreme?
  - ✓ **Peter was not keeping the Lord’s commandment when he said, I am going fishing.** When they had (back in Luke five) caught all of those fish, when they got to shore after this tremendous catch, the boats were just up to the gunnels, Jesus said, Come, follow Me. I will make you fishers of men. They left their nets and they followed Jesus. Now, Peter is going back to the nets. There is a draw. There is something there that is still attractive. Peter, do you love Me more than these?
- **Peter was caught in a position where he could not really say, Yes, Lord, I love You supremely** because his actions in denying Jesus, did not really declare that. So instead of using the word *agape* in responding to Jesus, **Yes, Lord; You know that I love (phileo) You.** You know that I am fond of You!
- **He used the word “phileo.” I admire You. I respect You. I am fond of You.** But when you are asking someone if they really loved you, you do not want them to just be fond of you. You do not want them to

say, Well I think you are a very nice person. You want to hear the words, I love you! That is what you desire to hear.

- **Notice, that even if Peter acknowledged only being fond of Jesus, His commission was the same! Then Jesus said to Peter, "Feed My lambs."** The word "feed" there in the Greek is "bosko." It is more than just feeding. It is tending! It is watching over, taking care of My lambs. In other words, if you love Me, Peter, you are not to fish the rest of your life. If you love Me, My commandment is for you to tend, to take care of My lambs. Notice He did not say, Take care of your lambs. They are not Peter's lambs. They are the Lord's lambs. Take care of My lambs! Tend them!
- **In (1Pe 5:2) Shepherd the flock of God, which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly.** As Peter is writing to the elders of the church, he said, Tend, (bosko), tend the flock of God which is among you, take the oversight, not for money's sake, but just out of love!" Watch over them, tend them, take care of them! That is the duty of the pastor of the church. The feeding is a part of it but it is not the totality of it, that is just a part of it. It is tending them. It is nurturing them. It is watching over them.

**Joh 21:16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love (agape) Me more than these?" Lord; You know that I love (phileo) You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep."**

- **He said to him again a second time.** Peter denied Jesus three times, now in this public restoration, Peter is going to be asked the question and to confess his love to Jesus, three times. *Do you love Me?* Peter in his denial had made a real mess, not only in denying His Lord, but damaging his relationship with the other disciples, in that he had set himself up as loving the Lord more than they. Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble. So this damage also is being restored as they see Jesus publicly restoring and re-commissioning Peter back into his office as an Apostle!
- **"Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?"** Again using the word "agape."
- **He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."** You know that I am fond of You. Again using the word "phileo" which is a lesser degree of love.
- **He said to him, "Tend My sheep.** Here the Greek word is different in both cases of "feed" and "sheep." The first one was the "bosko," my lambs. Here is the word is "shepherd" over my sheep, "poimaino." the sheep. This is the idea of feeding as a shepherd leads them to the green pastures and all.

**Joh 21:17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love (phileo) Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love (phileo) Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love (phileo) You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.**

- **He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?"** He used Peter's word "phileo."
- **Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love (phileo) Me?"** Jesus was no longer asking, Do you love Me with this divine intensive, supreme love? Where do I fit, Peter, in the category of the loves that you have? Where do I fit, Peter? Do you love *Me more than these?* Are there other things that are of greater interest, greater concern? Finally, Peter, are you fond of Me? Where do I fit? How far down the list in the interest and the loves of your life is My place? Are you fond of Me? It grieved Peter that Jesus would use his word "phileo!" Notice Peter's pride is being broken! He has now expressed his faith three times, even after earlier denying Jesus three times!
- **And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."** Peter never did rise to the word "agape." He does so in his epistles. That came with the anointing and the power of the Holy Spirit. But at this point, Peter could not commit to a total love, a complete love! All he could commit to was an admiration, a fondness.
- **Jesus came down to Peter's level because Peter would not rise to the Lord's level!** It is always a sad day when we bring the Lord down to our level, rather than rising to His, when I force the Lord to come down.
- **The Lord is always desires to lift me to the highest level.** He is not satisfied until your cup is overflowing. Until your life has experienced the total richness and fullness and glory that He wants you to have! That glory of just living in fellowship with Him. Close, complete, total!
- **Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.** Going back to the first word again, the "bosko." Nurture, take care of My sheep. So we see that the restoration has been complete and Peter's restoration and re-commissioning as an Apostle has been accomplished! "**Feed My** (a recognition that the sheep are His, not ours!) **sheep!"**

**Joh 21:18 Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands (on a cross?), and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."**

- **When you are old!** Peter, you are going to be faithful all your life. You are never going to deny Me, no matter even what the death that Jesus signified how that Peter was going to die. He was signifying that Peter's arms would be stretched out on a cross! That Peter would die as did the Lord by crucifixion. We are told that when Peter was in Rome, sentenced to death by crucifixion, that he requested to be crucified upside down because he said he was not worthy to be crucified as his Lord! So tradition has it that Peter was crucified in Rome upside down! It is interesting to me that Jesus here at the beginning is telling Peter what the price is going to be to follow Jesus, to feed the sheep, to take care of the flock of God. Peter, it is going to cost you your life! They are going to crucify you!
- **When the Lord apprehended Paul on the road to Damascus**, the Lord told Ananias that He had revealed to Paul all of the things that he was going to suffer for Christ's sake. That is when the Lord called Paul to the ministry. (Act 9:5-6a) *And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads. [6] So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?"* Paul submitted himself and then the Lord told Paul all of the things he was going to suffer
- **The Lord lays it out straight.** He does not say, Now if you just follow Me, your life is just going to be surrounded by roses and pleasant experiences and you are going to enter into a glorious bliss! There will be no problems, no more worries, no more difficulties! Things are going to be just so smooth and nice! No, no, the Lord says it is a rough road! The world is going to hate you. They hated Me! You are not greater than your Lord. You are going to be persecuted for My sake. You are going to be brought into prison. You are going to be put to death. Even your own families will turn against you. He laid it out straight, the things that it will cost to follow Him.
- **But that makes your following Him all the more meaningful! It proves your love.** The fact that you are willing to experience these difficulties, these hardships in order to hold on and have your relationship with Him. It sort of cements the love relationship that you have with God. Like with (Job 13:15) Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him.
- **As when many of the disciples found the words of Jesus a little bit too tough and they turned** and did not follow Him anymore, Peter and the rest were standing there. He said, (Joh 6:67-68) *Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away? [68] But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.* It is not easy, but when you consider the alternative, there is not much choice!

**Joh 21:19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."**

- **What could make all of Peter's faithfulness worthwhile, even to death**, even the horrific death on a cross? Even though his life has been a mess in the past, Jesus is expressing to Peter **that he is going to be faithful even to his death, when he is old!** That answer is to follow Him! Jesus says: *Follow Me!* Knowing that you are doing My will! And knowing that doing His will brings me to a most special place. What more could I ever live for, other than doing His perfect will?! Jesus is assuring Peter that he will be faithful until death! **This is what is going to happen to you, Peter, but follow Me!** Notice by what death he would glorify God.
- **Paul the apostle said in (Php 1:20) according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. My one goal, my one desire, my one ambition is that God might just be glorified through my life.** If He can be glorified in my death, great! Or in my life, it does not matter. Just that God would be glorified through me!

***Jesus and the Beloved Disciple and His Book! - (vs. 20-25)!***

**Joh 21:20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"**

**Joh 21:21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"**

**Joh 21:22 Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."**

- **Mind your own business, Peter! Not John's business! Not My business! I have restored you.** I have told you how you are going to die. You have plenty to take of! Take care of that! *You follow Me!*
- **In other words Peter, do not worry about what the Lord is going to do with the fellow next to you.** You **be concerned with what the Lord has called you to be and to do!** Peter was saying, Lord, what about him? Jesus says, It is none of your business! I am talking about you, about your commitment! The Lord always deals with you on a personal basis! He is interested in you. So Jesus said, *If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.* That is your business. *You follow Me.* That is the chief business! *I will take care of John! You follow Me!*

**Joh 21:23 Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple (John) would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?"**

- *Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die.* That is, that the Lord would come back before John died.
- **Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?"** I would imagine that this rumor actually took on much greater import after they boiled John in oil and it did not kill him. According to *Foxe's Book of Martyrs* John was boiled in oil but it did not really have any negative effects on him
- **John lived out his final years in Ephesus until he was banished to the island of Patmos because the Lord was not through with him yet.** The Lord wanted him to write the book of Revelation, which he had not yet written. John was finally banished to the island of Patmos where he then had the time to write the book of Revelation. But there was the rumor and it was going around in the early church that the Lord would return before John died. That John was not going to die. John is saying, *That is not what He said.* He said, *If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?* He did not say that he was not going to die!

**Joh 21:24 This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.**

- **John is saying, I was there. I was a witness.** I know that what I am telling you is the truth!
- *We know,* all the world knows, that the testimony of such a one is valid, and the common faith of mankind requires us to give credit to it, unless we can disprove it. The fact that Jesus did preach such doctrines, and work such miracles, rising from the dead, is proved beyond contradiction.

**Joh 21:25 And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.**

- **John said, Jesus did a lot of other signs that he did not write.** He chose and selected a few in order that in reading and knowing them, you would believe that Jesus is the Messiah, who did many other things that were not recorded. It is interesting that there are a lot of aspects about the life of Jesus that was not recorded.
- **In those days the arts were highly developed. The Greeks had many marble statues** of their famous people. There are busts and statues of Alexander the Great so that we have a fairly good idea of what Alexander looked like plus there were many descriptions of him. His blonde hair and things of that nature. It is interesting that there were no physical descriptions written of Jesus nor were there any paintings made or any bust or sculptures or whatever. A lot of things that could have been written that were not written.
- **Enough was written in order for you to know that Jesus is the Son of God! He is the promised Messiah and that by your believing in Him, you can have eternal life! All that is necessary for eternal life and godliness was written!** If everything had been written that could have been written, there would not be enough libraries in the world to hold the books, John tells us. So just enough that you can know and that you can have eternal life through Him!
- **Throughout all of eternity, the rest of the story can be told.** (*Eph 2:7*) *that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.* God through the ages to come shall be revealing to us what is the exceeding richness of His love and His mercies towards us in Christ Jesus! It's going to take all of eternity for you to know it all. So enough is given to get you there and then once you are there, you will have plenty of time to learn the rest. Throughout eternity God will be revealing the exceeding richness of His love and kindness towards us in Christ Jesus!

## SUMMARY:

- Breakfast by the Sea! – *Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some!*
- Jesus Publicly Restores Peter! - *Do you love Me more than these? Feed My sheep!*
- The Beloved Disciple and His Book! - *YOU FOLLOW ME!*

## CLOSING SONG:

**I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS** – sung by Jadon Lavik (2:34/2:37)

*I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus;*

*I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back, no turning back.*

*Though none go with me, still I will follow; though none go with me, still I will follow;  
though none go with me, still I will follow; no turning back, no turning back.*

*The cross before me; the world behind me; the cross before me; the world behind me  
the cross before me; the world behind me, no turning back, no turning back.*

*No turning back, no turning back*

## NEXT WEEK:

**Read and study Seven Statements From The Cross!**

*Statement 1 - Luk 23:34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."*

*Statement 2 - Luk 23:43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."*

*Statement 3 - Joh 19:26b-27 He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" [27] Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!"*

*Statement 4 - Mat 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"*

*Statement 5 - Joh 19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"*

*Statement 6 - Joh 19:30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.*

*Statement 7 - Luk 23:46 And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." " Having said this, He breathed His last.*

## CLOSING PRAYER: