

JOHN

Lesson 20

John 21:1-25

This short lesson concludes our study of the Gospel of John as we review the last chapter, Chapter 21. The disciples do not recognize him at first, but Jesus is sitting at a charcoal fire on the shores of the Sea of Galilee early in the morning. It will be the last documented event in John's account of Jesus' earthly ministry. Having now been seen by well over 500 people, Jesus teaches his disciples one final lesson, a lesson that is also applicable for us today.

Let's read through John Chapter 21 and consider the following:

1. Review John 21:1-14. It's a familiar story to many of us. Peter and the disciples have returned to fishing, and Jesus teaches them a big lesson. What is it, and how does it apply to us today?

2. In John 21:15-19, Jesus completes one last task—he reinstates Peter. In this well-known set of verses, Jesus asks Peter to feed and care for his flock. What does he ask Peter at the beginning of each of these questions?

3. Peter himself now leaves us with another lesson, as recorded in John's gospel. Having just been reinstated, what is the first thing that Peter asks Jesus, and what is the lesson for us? (See John 21:20-24)

4. How does Jesus answer Peter's question?

John ends his Gospel by telling us that Jesus did a lot of other things that John has not documented. As we know from John 20:30-31, John focused on documenting those things that demonstrate to us that Jesus is the Son of God and "that by believing, you may have life in his name."

I hope that you have enjoyed our study of John and have come to know Jesus in a closer and more personal way as a result. Jesus will literally change your life, if you will just let him in and allow him to. "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."

Thanks again for being faithful in studying with us!

In Christ,

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