The Gospel of John – the book of salvation

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A late edition to Biblical literature

The “old time religion”

- Who is Jesus?
  - The Christ – Solution to the curse – Savior
  - The Son of God – Deity – Creator – Judge

- What difference does it make?
  - Eternal life . . . or not!
  - You must believe in Him

- What does it mean to believe in Him?
  - Believe Who He is
  - Follow Him
The last fishing trip (John 21:1-14)

The third revelation of Jesus (21:14)
  ▶ This is a revelation of Jesus Christ
  ▶ Seven disciples:
    Peter, Thomas, Nathanael,
    James, John, 2 others
  ▶ Peter exercises his leadership

A successful fishing trip

Abiding in Jesus

The reality of life in this world
  ▶ Temporal needs
  ▶ Success depends upon the blessing of God
  ▶ Paul’s testimony (Phil. 4:13)
  ▶ The necessity of Jesus’ presence
  ▶ What was the value of the 153 fish?
  ▶ Responses to Jesus
    – John – the disciples whom Jesus loved
    – Peter – Impetuous love
    – The disciples – none dared to ask

The last fishing trip – a new career
A lesson on shepherding (John 21:15-17)

3 denials by Peter and three questions by the Lord
  ▪ Do you love me? – agapao v. phileo
  ▪ Feed My sheep! – feed and shepherd

A new career
  ▪ The motive: Love for Jesus
  ▪ The duty: Feed Jesus’ sheep
    – Jesus’ example in John 13
    – Peter’s message in 1 Peter 5
  ▪ How does that apply to us?
    – Families
    – Fellow believers
  ▪ How can we follow Jesus?
    – Personal diligence
    – Love of the Truth
Follow Me! (John 21:18-23)

An uncertain future
  ▪ Involuntary servitude and death
  ▪ Longevity and life

Follow Me!
  ▪ The pattern of Jesus’ life
  ▪ The sovereign will of God

Follow Me! – An unconditional duty

A true testimony (John 21:24-25)

  ▪ An editorial comment
  ▪ A seasoned Church – Jesus’ Word is true
  ▪ A life worth living
The Truth

- We have it in the Bible
- It is the means of life – John 8:32
- It is the means of holiness – John 17:17
- It is the Person of Christ – John 14:6
- It is the work of Christ – John 18:37
- It is the work of the Spirit – John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13
- It is the Christian’s passion
  – for ourselves
  – for His sheep