

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