

Follow Me!

Lesson 21: John 21

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Purpose: John 20:30-31

Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may **believe** that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**; and that **believing** you may have **life** in His name.

Outline comparison

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| • 1:1-18 | Prologue | • 1:1-18 | Prologue |
| • 1:19-12:50 | Book of signs | • 1:19-4:54 | Intro of Jesus Christ |
| | | • 5-12 | Public ministry |
| • 13-20 | Book of glory | • 13-17 | Private ministry |
| | | • 18-19 | Trial and death |
| | | • 20:1-29 | Resurrection |
| | | • 20:30-31 | Purpose |
| • 21 | Epilogue | • 21 | Epilogue |

Review

- 1:1-18 Prologue
- 1:19-17 Ministry
 - 1:19-4 Start of ministry
 - 5-12 Increase of unbelief
 - 13-17 Increase of faith
- 18-21 Response
 - 18-19 Culmination of unbelief
 - 20-21 Culmination of faith

The signs

- 2:1-12 Water into wine
- 4:46-54 Healing of nobleman's son
- 5:1-17 Healing at Bethesda
- 6:1-14 Feeding of the 5,000
- 6:15-21 Jesus walks on water
- 9:1-41 Healing of the man born blind
- 11:17-45 Resurrection of Lazarus
- 20:1-18 **Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ**
- 21:4-8 Miraculous catch of fish

Themes

- Messiah
- True
- Love
- Light/Darkness
- Lamb
- Believe, trustworthy
- Sheep, Shepherd
- Only begotten
- Testify, testimony
- Disciple
- Father
- The world
- Jews

Chapter by chapter summary

1. The Messiah, the Only Begotten Lamb of God
2. Wedding at Cana, Cleansing of the temple
3. Nicodemus and Jesus, John's joy in decreasing
4. The Messiah and the Samaritan, Healing of the official's son
5. Healing at the pool of Bethesda, Testimony about Jesus
6. A meal for 5,000, Crossing Tiberias, True bread
7. Division about Jesus at the Feast of Booths

Chapter by chapter summary

8. The truth of Jesus, True freedom, The One before Abraham
9. Healing of man blind from birth, Judgment on the “seeing”
10. The Door, The Shepherd, Stoning attempt at the Feast of Dedication
11. Awakening of Lazarus, Caiaphas’ plan
12. Jesus anointed for burial, Triumphal entry
13. Jesus washes the disciples’ feet, Judas leaves, Command to love

Chapter by chapter summary

14. Comfort for the disciples, Jesus and the Father
15. Remaining in the Vine, Command to love, The hatred of the world
16. Courage in persecution, The work of the Holy Spirit, Asking of the Father
17. Jesus' prayer for His glorification and the sanctification of believers
18. Garden arrest, Before the high priest, Peter's denials

Chapter by chapter summary

19. Before Pilate (Gabbatha), Crucifixion at Golgatha, Grave
20. The empty tomb, Seeing the resurrected Jesus
21. Fishing on Tiberias, Simon Peter's love, You follow Me

Post-resurrection summary

- Day 1 Resurrection (Feast of First Fruits)
 - To Mary Magdalene, other women, Peter, two on road to Emmaus, the 10 disciples
- Day 9 To the 11 disciples
- Day ? To 7 disciples at Lake Galilee (Tiberias)
- Day ? To 500 brothers
- Day ? To James
- Day 40 Ascension
- Day 50 Holy Spirit comes (Feast of Pentecost)

Outline

- 1-14 Appearance of Jesus in Galilee
- 15-23 Discipleship
- 24-25 Conclusion

Appearance of Jesus in Galilee

John 21:1-3

¹After these things Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested *Himself* in this way. ²Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will also come with you.” They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.

- Transition to Galilee
- Not listed in normal order
- Waiting for Jesus they go fishing
- They catch nothing

Appearance of Jesus in Galilee

John 21:4-6

⁴But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵So Jesus said to them, “Children, you do not have any fish, do you?” They answered Him, “No.” ⁶And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a *catch*.” So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.

- Jesus is not recognized
- They obey the command
- The net cannot be hauled in

Appearance of Jesus in Galilee

John 21:7-9

⁷Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord.” So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped *for work*), and threw himself into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net *full* of fish.

⁹So when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal fire *already* laid and fish placed on it, and bread.

- John first recognizes it is Jesus
- The net had to be dragged
- Same word for fire as in John 18:18

Appearance of Jesus in Galilee

John 21:10-13

¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have now caught.” ¹¹Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.

¹²Jesus said to them, “Come *and* have breakfast.” None of the disciples ventured to question Him, “Who are You?” knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave *it* to them, and the fish likewise.

- The fish they caught contribute to the meal
- Miraculous catch
 - Fish
 - Net not torn
- Jesus serves the meal

Discipleship

John 21:14-16

¹⁴This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.

¹⁵So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “**Tend** My lambs.” ¹⁶He said to him again 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, “Shepherd My **sheep**.”

- J: Do you love me more?
- P: I have affection.
- J: Do you love me?
- P: I have affection.
- J: Do you have affection?
- P: I have affection
- **Tend** My lambs
- Shepherd My **sheep**
- **Tend** My **sheep**

Discipleship

John 21:17-18

¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “**Tend My sheep.**

¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go.”

- Young
 - Gird yourself
 - Walk where you wish
- Old
 - Stretch out your hands
 - Someone will gird you
 - Bring you where you do not wish

Discipleship

John 21:19-21

¹⁹Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me!"

²⁰Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following *them*; the one who also had leaned back on His bosom at the supper and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

²¹So Peter seeing him said to Jesus, "Lord, and what about this man?"

- Death can glorify God
- Follow at the beginning, follow to the end
- Be content with what God has for us

Discipleship

John 21:22-23

²²Jesus said to him, “If I want him to remain until I come, what *is that* to you? You follow Me!”

²³Therefore this saying went out among the brethren that that disciple would not die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but *only*, “If I want him to remain until I come, what *is that* to you?”

- Will we complain against God's desires?
- Repetition of command
- Our following Christ is not dependent on others
- Each has their own trials

Conclusion

John 21:24-25

²⁴This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true. ²⁵And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written.

- The author reveals himself
- This testimony is true
- The Gospels are all selective

Summary

- Jesus continued to help and serve the disciples
- Affection for Christ cannot be substituted for love
- Love for Jesus implies we will care for His people
- Love for God manifests itself in obedience
- Follow Christ