

THE RISEN JESUS REVEALED

JOHN 21:1-14

Icebreaker

Do you have an activity that is your favorite or default activity to participate in? Why is it your favorite activity?

Context

Chapter 21 is considered by most scholars an epilogue. What appears to be the main body of the letter has now been completed, and John wants to add a little more information. John intentionally structured his Gospel to remind people that after the resurrection and ascension, the mission given to Jesus' followers had to still be completed. This week's lesson reaffirms the validity of Jesus' claim to be the Messiah. This assures us that the message we bear is true. Next week's lesson serves as a reminder that God's plan for Peter and John was part of sending messengers out to share the truth of the Gospel.

Passage

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

21:1 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." 6 He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. 8 The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.



9 When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. 14 This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Sermon Notes

Luke 4:18-21, Isaiah 61:1-3

3 Reasons Jesus stayed for 40 days

1. To _____ **CONFIRM** _____ His resurrection
2. To clarify His mission as the Messiah
3. To commission His disciples to co-labor with Him

The Bible records 15 Resurrection appearances

1. Mary Magdalene
2. Women at the tomb
3. Peter
4. 2 disciples to Emmaus
5. The Apostles
6. The Apostles
7. 7 disciples fishing
8. 11 disciples on the mount
9. Over 500 disciples
10. James
11. The Apostles prior to ascension
12. The Apostles at ascension
- (After His ascension)
13. Stephen
14. Saul
15. John

How does Jesus reveal Himself to His disciples?

1. Through _____ **HIS WORD** _____

- A. Prioritize your _____ **DAILY DEVOTIONS** _____



B. ___PRAY___ all through the day

2. Through ___HIS WORKS___

3. Through ___A WITNESS___

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Post Sermon Questions

If your group is meeting after hearing the sermon, here are some basic questions to discuss among the group.

1. What did you like about the sermon, or what was one of the more important things you heard in the sermon?
2. What was something in the sermon that caused you to have questions?
3. What did we learn about Jesus in this passage?
4. What do we learn about man (or human nature) in this passage?
5. Are there any sins we need to confess because of this passage?
6. Are there any actions we should take in light of this passage?

Discuss

1. Read John 20:30-31. **What is the difference between reading a textbook entry (or Wikipedia post) about Anne Frank or Corrie Ten Boom and reading a book like *The Hiding Place* (Corrie Ten Boom's autobiographical account of her WWII experience.)? What kind of response was John wanting from people who read his Gospel? Why is it important to read the Bible like a personal letter sent to you from God rather than read it like a history book or a newspaper article?**
2. John 20:30-31 is the purpose statement of the whole book of John, then John adds a whole chapter after the purpose statement. **Why do you think John added this appearance of Jesus to some of the disciples (plus the interaction with Peter afterward) after the purpose statement?**
3. **What is the significance of Peter being listed first among these disciples? Why did Peter and the other disciples (including the sons of Zebedee) go fishing?**
4. **What is the significance of John pointing out that they did not recognize (know that it was) Jesus at first?** (Also consider John 20:14 and Luke 24:16)



5. Read Luke 5:1-11. **What does the Luke story and verses 4-7 & 11 in today's story have in common with one another?**
6. Read John 20:3-8. **What does Peter and John's reactions when reaching the tomb in John 20:3-8 have in common with verse 7 and their reaction to realizing Jesus is on the shore?**
7. Read verse 12. **Why does John tell us that "none of the disciples dared" ask if it was Jesus if they already knew it was him? Is it ok to believe that something is true but have uncertainty or questions about the person/topic? What can you do to find answers to questions or uncertainties you have about your faith?**
8. **Does verse 13 remind you of another story in John's Gospel?** (Read John 6:1-14, especially 11.)

Next Steps

The truthfulness of the Gospel is very important. Scripture provides evidence so that those who do not believe can come to know Jesus as Savior. For believers, the Gospels remind us that our faith is grounded in truth. Our study of John has been profitable in reminding us of these truths. What are one or two things that you learned for the first time in our study of John?

When John recognized that it was Jesus on the shore, he told Peter and Peter was the one who acted immediately on that new information. One author described it as Peter acted on eyesight, while John seemed to act on insight. Remember, Peter was a leader and was used greatly to start the church, so he certainly had a role in the church. Both are needed in the church. Do you "act first" and consider things after or do you reflect on things then act accordingly? How could your "bent" be used to help yourself and others grow as disciples?

