

## JOHN 21 Study (NLT) "LAST WORDS" July 18, 2010

• MAIN POINT of the whole Gospel - Life from Jesus for everyone who will have Him.

*"Jesus' disciples saw him do many other miraculous signs besides the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that YOU MAY BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF GOD, and that BY BELIEVING IN HIM YOU WILL HAVE LIFE."* John 20:30-31

• **21:1-9 Life as usual till Jesus appears.** Jesus was showing up only now and then, so some of the disciples decided to go back to their pre-Jesus lifestyle and went \_\_\_\_\_. They were \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, the sons of \_\_\_\_\_ (James and John), and \_\_\_\_\_ other disciples. Simon Peter had said, "I'm going \_\_\_\_\_." The others joined him. However, fishing was terrible and they caught \_\_\_\_\_. At \_\_\_\_\_ they saw \_\_\_\_\_ standing on the beach but they couldn't see \_\_\_\_\_. He was. He asked them how the fishing was. They said not good. He said to throw their nets out on the \_\_\_\_\_. They caught so many fish they couldn't haul in the \_\_\_\_\_. John says there were \_\_\_\_\_ fish. This had happened 3 years ago when Jesus called them to be his disciples. Peter immediately knew it was the \_\_\_\_\_. He put on his \_\_\_\_\_, jumped into the \_\_\_\_\_ and swam ashore.

• **WAITING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT:** The 12 disciples lived day and night with the Lord for 3 years. But in the 40 days after His resurrection, before His ascension, they only saw him from time to time. These are the days waiting for Pentecost when a kind of second incarnation of God would happen and cause an explosive motivation among the believers. God the Spirit would incarnate Himself in the flesh and blood bodies and souls of those who were loyal to Jesus. They would find themselves overwhelmed by God and find themselves now operating naturally in the same gifts that Jesus used: Tongues - Prophecy - Healings - Miracles - and having a zeal for the conversion of the world to Jesus.

• **21:10-14 Breakfast by the sea:** The Master had breakfast going. There was bread and fish were frying over a \_\_\_\_\_ fire. Jesus tells them to bring some of the fish they had caught. So Simon Peter went back on the boat and helped drag the net to the shore. There were \_\_\_\_\_ large fish and yet the net had not \_\_\_\_\_. What was strange about this breakfast by the sea was that, although a flesh and blood person was serving them breakfast and they believed it was the Lord, they were not sure but they didn't \_\_\_\_\_ ask him if it was really Him. This was the \_\_\_\_\_ time they had seen him since he was raised from the dead.

• **21:15-17 Healing of the soul.** After breakfast Jesus takes Peter aside and says, "Simon, son of \_\_\_\_\_, do you \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ than these?" Peter says, "Yes, Lord, you \_\_\_\_\_ I love you." Jesus restores Peter to ministry saying, "Then \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_." Jesus asks Peter if he loves Him three times. Finally Peter says, "Lord, you \_\_\_\_\_ everything. You know I love you."

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• **SIMON, SON OF JOHN.** Peter is called Simon Peter by John. Simon was his given name. Peter was the new name Jesus had given Him - meaning rock. Simon means "reed." His natural person was like the reed growing in the slough, which moves back and forth in the wind. Peter had proven himself a "reed" during the Lord's trial when he denied Him three times. So John calls him Simon. It is the Simon part of Simon Peter that Jesus now deals with.

• All Christians are like Peter. We are in an ongoing growth process, where we take hold of the freedom Jesus gives us from the sin man (who was crucified with Him) and our past and takes another step in becoming the new creation as a habit of life. Peter's spiritual nature that God created him to be was "rock." He became the rock of the first church and was faithful unto death, even death on a cross like Jesus, according to church tradition.

• **HEALING OF THE SOUL:** For Peter there were two déjà vu moments. The repeat of the miracle of fishes where he had been so awestruck by the miracle that he had asked the Lord to depart from him because he was a such a sinner. The second charcoal fire in a couple of days where Peter proved he was a cowardly sinner in need of grace. Peter had been warming himself around a charcoal fire during the cold night of the Lord's trial when a woman asked him if he were not one of Jesus' disciples and he denied it. When Peter had denied the Lord the third time, the rooster crowed, Jesus looked over at Peter and Peter went out and wept. (18:16-18) (Luke 22:60-61)

• Now the Lord takes Peter aside and looks at him eye-to-eye again. Three times Peter had denied the Lord and wounded his own soul. Three times the Master asks Peter if he loves him. Three times Peter says he does. Three times the Lord tells Peter to take care of His sheep (the believers). The sin is not only forgiven-but now confronted and worked through. Reconciliation and peace of mind happen. Restoration to ministry is accomplished.

• **LOVE:** Two of the words for love in the Greek language are "agape," which is the kind of self-sacrificing, supernatural love that God has and "phileo," which is the love between friends. Two times Jesus asks Peter if he AGAPE loves Him. Three times Peter says that he PHILEO loves Him. The third time Jesus accommodates Peter and says, "Peter, do you PHILEO love me?" Peter was telling the Lord the truth. His betrayal had proven that he was not able to lay down his life like Jesus had done. He knew he was still only able to be Jesus' friend. Agape love is a gift and impartation from the Holy Spirit. It is not native in the natural man. "His love (agape) has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which He has given us." Romans 5:5 We need the Holy Spirit in order to be a new person.

• **21:18-23 Prophesying the crucifixion of Peter.** Jesus tells Peter that when he was \_\_\_\_\_, he could come and go as he wanted. But when he is \_\_\_\_\_, he will \_\_\_\_\_ out his hands and others will direct you and take you to where you don't \_\_\_\_\_ to go. John comments that Jesus was telling him the kind of death he would die to \_\_\_\_\_ God. Then Jesus tells Peter simply, "\_\_\_\_\_." Peter asks what is going to happen to John. Jesus tells Peter that is really none of his business. If he wants John to be alive when he \_\_\_\_\_, what is that to Peter. Again the Master says to Peter, "\_\_\_\_\_." This saying of Jesus caused it to be said in the church that John wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_.

• **STRETCH OUT YOUR HANDS:** This is a reference to crucifixion. Peter was crucified in Rome along with his wife. Church tradition says he asked to be crucified upside down because he did not feel worthy of dying in the same manner as the Master.

• **JOHN:** John was the only one of the twelve disciples who was not martyred. The Lord's enemies tried to boil him in oil but like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the time of Daniel thrown into the fiery furnace, the Lord protected him from burning. (Daniel 4:19-25) So the Lord's enemies exiled him on the lonely Island of Patmos to stop his ministry. However, it was from Patmos that John wrote the Revelations of Jesus about the end times.

• **21:24-25 • Last words: I saw Him - and He has done marvelous things beyond recording.** John says that he \_\_\_\_\_ these things of the life of Jesus first hand and recorded them. He is an eye witness. He comments that the world's books could not \_\_\_\_\_ all the things Jesus did if they were written down.

**What Does This Scripture Say To You?** \_\_\_\_\_