

FINDING FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD... TOGETHER!



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WEEKLY WRAP-UP

TITLE: *"After Resurrection ...Before Ascension"*

TEXT: **Gospel of John 21:1-25**

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OPENING COMMENTS:

First statement: *Weeks ago, we began an unusual journey through the final chapters of the Gospel of John which highlighted the final days and hours of our Lord's earthly ministry.*

Second statement: *Our focus began with the Passover meal that the Lord celebrated with His disciples in the upper room, also known as "The Last Supper."*

Third statement: *The 13th chapter concluded with the revelation of a betrayer in their midst and then, Peter's bold and somewhat proud statement of his promise to never deny Jesus, which Jesus declared a fact to the contrary.*

Fourth statement: *In chapters of 14-17, John presents teachings of our Lord on a variety of topics and then returns to the concluding events of the arrest, the trials, the crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus.*

Fifth statement: *The final verses in John 20 appear to be the culmination of the entire book of John when he writes the statement found in verses 30-31:*

³⁰ And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

³¹ But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Sixth statement: *Before we get to the final chapter of John's Gospel, I want us to listen to Dr. Hobbs as he sheds a light on the possibility of why John included this closing chapter, chapter 21. **Look:***

Hobbs: Despite the fact that John 20:30-31 comprises a definite ending to the Gospel of John, there is strong evidence that chapter 21 was written by the same author, John. Why was this chapter added? Since it deals largely with Simon Peter we naturally look at him for the answer. This Gospel was written many years after Peter's death. It was also written long after the other 3 Gospels. All of these leave Peter in a rather bad light. They tell of his three denials. After that, little mention is made of him. Mark 16:7 says that the angels told the women to tell the disciples "and Peter" to meet... Jesus in Galilee. Luke 24:12 records his hesitancy to believe in the resurrection which is also referenced in John. And then Luke 24:34 mentions that Jesus had appeared later to Peter [1 Corinthians 15:5].

The overall effect was to leave Peter under a cloud. And yet, Peter was one of the giants of the early church. So, John, putting all of this together, evidently decided to add the event in *chapter 21*. Even John's Gospel through *chapter 20* left Peter puzzled about the resurrection of Jesus [*20:2-10*]. And yet, John knew that Jesus had forgiven Peter and had given him a special commission. So, to clear the atmosphere John added this event to his record before it was sent forth. Thus, we are in his debt for one of the most beautiful stories in the Gospel records.

It is thoroughly Johannine in style. It is true to Jesus' own nature. And it shows Peter in the same light as he appears elsewhere in the earthly ministry of Jesus.

Seventh statement: *Per our previous format of just focusing on the Scriptures as they are presented, we will look at the Gospel of John chapter 21, but first,*

Let's begin our reading with prayer.

“Time For Fishing?”

John 21:1-3

21 After these things Jesus shewed Himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed He Himself.

² There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of His disciples.

³ Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto Him, We also go with Thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

“Time For Feasting!”

John 21:4-14

⁴ But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.

⁵ Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered Him, No.

⁶ And He said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

⁷ Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.

⁸ And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.

⁹ As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

¹⁰ *Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.*

¹¹ *Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.*

¹² *Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask Him, Who art Thou? knowing that it was the Lord.*

¹³ *Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.*

¹⁴ *This is now the third time that Jesus shewed Himself to His disciples, after that He was risen from the dead.*

“A Time Forward!”

John 21:15-22:

¹⁵ *So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me more than these? He saith unto Him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love Thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.*

¹⁶ *He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love Thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.*

¹⁷ *He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, Thou knowest all things; Thou knowest that I love Thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed My sheep.*

¹⁸ *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.*

¹⁹ *This spake He, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow Me.*

²⁰ *Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on His breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth Thee?*

²¹ *Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?*

²² *Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou Me.*

“A Time for Faithfulness!”

John 21:23-25:

²³ *Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?*

²⁴ *This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.*

²⁵ *And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.*

CONCLUSION

“What Time is It In your Life?”

“Isn’t it Time for You to Follow Jesus?”

“Isn’t it Time for You to Keep Following Jesus?”

INVITATION

Romans 10:13

For **whosoever** shall call upon the name of the Lord **shall be saved.**