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Seeing Glory at Breakfast John 21 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This is our final week in the Gospel of John and we will be studying the final chapter. In Chapter 21 we see Jesus make another appearance to the disciples. He shows up on the beach after they have been fishing all night. Peter is overjoyed to see Him and jumps in the water to swim to Him. Jesus then commissions Peter to feed His sheep. Even though Peter had denied Jesus while at the house of Annas Jesus still has work for him to do. Join us this week as we talk about the work that Jesus has for all of us.



Jesus' Appearance to the Disciples in Galilee

21 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. Now this is how he did so. ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael (who was from Cana in Galilee), the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples of his were together. ³ Simon Peter told them, "I am going fishing." "We will go with you," they replied. They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ When it was already very early morning, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ So Jesus said to them, "Children, you don't have any fish, do you?" They replied, "No." ⁶ He told them, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they threw the net, and were not able to pull it in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" So Simon Peter, when he heard that it was the Lord, tucked in his outer garment (for he had nothing on underneath it), and plunged into the sea. ⁸ Meanwhile the other disciples came with the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from land, only about a hundred yards.

⁹ When they got out on the beach, they saw a charcoal fire ready with a fish placed on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you have just now caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, 153, but although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² "Come, have breakfast," Jesus said. But none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Peter's Restoration

¹⁵ Then when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these do?" He replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." Jesus told him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ Jesus said a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." Jesus told him, "Shepherd my sheep." ¹⁷ Jesus said a third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" and said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus replied, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ I tell you the solemn truth, when you were young, you tied your clothes around you and went wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will tie you up and bring you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ (Now Jesus said this to indicate clearly by what kind of death Peter was going to glorify God.) After he said this, Jesus told Peter, "Follow me."

Peter and the Disciple Jesus Loved

²⁰ Peter turned around and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them. (This was the disciple who had leaned back against Jesus' chest at the meal and asked, "Lord, who is the one who is going to betray you?") ²¹ So when Peter saw him, he asked Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" ²² Jesus replied, "If I want him to live until I come back, what concern is that of yours? You follow me!" ²³ So

the saying circulated among the brothers and sisters that this disciple was not going to die. But Jesus did not say to him that he was not going to die, but rather, "If I want him to live until I come back, what concern is that of yours?"

A Final Note

²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies about these things and has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true. ²⁵ There are many other things that Jesus did. If every one of them were written down, I suppose the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details from this passage.

Make 10 of your own observations from this passage. Avoid jumping to make interpretive decisions or drawing applications. Save those for the sections that follow. At this point just observe this passage and what it says. Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, and what stands out to you. Look at the verbs, what actions are in the text? Who is involved in the text? There is no right or wrong answer, just list 10 things you see in the text.

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🕒 **Explore His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

1. Do you think that fishing all night and not catching anything would be discouraging? After a night like that would you be eager to try the other side of the boat?
2. How did John know it was Jesus?
3. Why did Peter jump in the water?
4. Why was Peter distressed by Jesus' questions?
5. What did Jesus want Peter to do?
6. Why might Jesus ask Peter 3 times?
7. Is it fair that John would not suffer the same fate as the rest of the disciples? Explain

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

8. What can we learn about Jesus using Peter to feed the sheep that might apply to us?

9. In this passage we see Peter has been forgiven for his denial. How do we know we are forgiven?

10. What is the main point of this passage and how does it apply to you?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes