

Really a postscript, PS, this is what Jesus was like after His work was completed.

John 1:1-18- Rather like a Prologue or Preface to a book. What Jesus was like before His ministry on earth.

Gospel of John really kinda ends at the end of John 20. ³⁰ Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ 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.

John 21 is like an epilogue, or PS. Jesus' work is done, it is finished! A job well done. Nothing can really be added. Sabbath, rest party time, Lake Cookout, delicious food! It tells us what Jesus was like *after* His earthly ministry. It also answers the question, "What happens to Coward Peter?"

21 After these things Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested *Himself* in this way. ² Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and 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 also come with you." They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.

⁴ But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ So Jesus said to them, "Children, you do not have any fish, do you?" They answered Him, "No." ⁶ And 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.⁷ Therefore 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. ⁸ But 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.

⁹ So when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal fire *already* laid and fish placed on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have now caught." ¹¹ Simon 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.

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

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

So, what is this Sea of Tiberias?

Where had Jesus told them to go? Obedient?

Jesus told them to wait for Him on a mountain.

Disobedient? Peter, that amazing leader! I'm going fishing!

"Children", not intimate, more like "lads" or "guys".

"You do not have any fish do you?" So there's some smart aleck, know-it-all on shore making fun of them?



Pretty embarrassing to be sure. Fished all night! Nothing! Cast your net on the right side! Right!-Sure-! Different water on that side of this little boat? Fish can't swim under our boat? Right-handed fish? North fish? Right-handed crescent wrench?

For some reason, either Jesus' suggestion was impressive or these fishing "experts" had decided to show this beachcomber, wannabe fisherman supervisor that THEY were the experts here. Well, for some reason they threw their nets on the other side of their boat. The Rest is History! Surprise! Not able to haul it in. Normally they could.

John told Peter, it is the Lord. How did he know and Why did he tell Peter? Did he suspect Peter would be Peter? (Hey guys, watch this!)

Why do we enjoy Peter so much? Give me your reasons. . . How do you identify with Peter?

(Back to Galilee) Both got to shore, not sure who was first, hauling overloaded net or swimming in a big wet robe.

Breakfast is served! Fire, fish and fresh bread. "Bring some of the fish you just caught".

Peter must have been a big guy, hauled it in. Such a large catch, they counted them, 153 of them. Not usual!

¹⁵ So 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." ¹⁶ He 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."¹⁷ He 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.

¹⁸ Truly, 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.”¹⁹ Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. (sound familiar? Jn. 12:32-33) And when He had spoken this, He *said to him, “Follow Me!”

²⁰ Peter, 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?”²¹ So Peter seeing him said to Jesus, “Lord, and what about this man?”²² Jesus said to him, “If I want him to remain until I come, what *is that* to you? You follow Me!”²³ Therefore 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?”

²⁴ This is the disciple who is testifying to 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, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written. (covered highlights)

Now, we could easily spend a few weeks on this last little encounter. Peter’s emotional and spiritual state, after denying Jesus 3 times. “I will die for you Jesus” “Will you die for me, You will deny me 3 times before morning”.

So a little, light, after meal chit-chat. . . (or earth-shattering and life-changing)

Do you love (agapao) Me? Yes, Lord, You know that I love (phileo) You. Tend My lambs.

Do you love (agapao) Me? Yes, Lord, You know that I love (phileo) You. Shepherd My sheep.

Do you love (phileo) Me? (Grieved Peter) Lord, You know all things, You know that I love (phileo) You. Tend My sheep.

Three times he denied Jesus, Three times he professes his love for Jesus. Gotta think this helped Peter. Welcome back to ministry, Peter. Peter needed to know, he won’t deny Jesus again!

Then he tells Peter how he was going to die. And Jesus said, “Follow me.” So Peter followed Jesus. **NOT!**

Peter acted like Peter. Good thing for Peter they weren’t at Sodom and Gomorrah or we’d be taking trips to tour the Peter Pillar of Salt! Peter, quite a stand-up comedy routine. Won’t he ever learn? (Will we ever learn?)

What could give a person the strength to endure to the end? Throughout John, Jesus is asking us to die for Him, to give all for Him, to be His slaves! Why would we, what could possibly motivate us to do all that for Jesus?

Love- John the Apostle of Love.

Love, the most powerful motivator in the universe. Even earthly love is a wildly strong motivator. So, the Beatles said, “All you need is Love” (and then they broke up.

Not Legalism, fear or guilt. Not earthly, selfish love, but God’s giving, agape love. We follow the things we love.

What was the most important thing that John could say about himself? Jesus loved him. Jesus died for him. John's letters, epistles, all about love. So Love is the underlying motivator in all this, so what is the central purpose for John to write this book, to tell us these events and discussions?

Believe- to trust in, rely on, adhere to

³¹ but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is ^{the} the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

So, it's sad, but we're finishing up our fast fly-through of John's Gospel. It is an amazing book.

Nathaniel under the fig tree- Jesus knew him- He believed.

Jesus showed his love and power over creation by making wine at Cana- disciples believed

Jesus showed his love to the woman at the well- Many believed

Jesus explained God's love to Nicodemus- John 3:16-For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that Whosoever believeth in Him, shall not perish but have everlasting life.

Jesus cried out to the Pharisees, "He who believes in Me, Rivers of Living Water!"

Jesus loved Lazarus and his sisters- many believed

Intimate discussions with disciples and the Father- Abide in My Love as a branch in a vine. Believe in God, Believe also in me. Greatest love- lay down your life. Love me-obey my commands.

To the Father- that **the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.**

6:29 What must we do to work the works of God? Believe in the one whom He has sent!!!

"Believe" is used in the verb form 99 times in John. He was really focused on believing. Something you **do!**

Peter messes up- Jesus loved

Thomas doubted- Jesus loved

Peter messed up- Jesus loved

Peter messed up- Jesus loved

We mess up- Jesus loves us

Jesus asks, "Do You Love Me?" How can we? Because He first loved us!

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So, sadly, we are finishing our study of the book of John's Gospel.

We are going to miss you John, but I know we'll see you around!