One More Time John 21:1-14

Christ's Last Miracle After His Resurrection

- A. A Return To Fishing (21:1-3)
 - 1. Right place (21:1) Galilee Matthew 28:16
 - 2. Right crowd (21:2)
 Galatians 3:8
 - 3. Reasonable activity (21:3) John 10:10b

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- B. A Return To Finding (21:4-6)
 - 1. Expect God's Presence (21:4)
 Matthew 25:13
 - 2. Expect God's Prompting (21:5-6)
 - a. When your way did not work (v 5)
 - b. When His way does work (v 6)

Luke 5:5-6

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- C. A Return To Following (21:7-14)
 - 1. Come to Jesus (21:7-8)
 - a. John's recognition (v 7)
 - b. Peter's response (v 7)
 - c. The disciples' resolve (v 8)
 - 2. Commanded by Jesus (21:9-11)
 - a. The preparation by Christ (v 9)
 - b. The perspective of Christ (v 10)
 - c. The provision of Christ (v 11)
 - **3.** Commune with Jesus (21:12-13)
 - a. They knew Who they were with (v 12)
 - b. They knew what He was doing (vv 13-14)

Lovest Thou Me? John 21:15-19

Christ's Asks Peter A Question That We All Need To Answer

John 21:15

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.

A. Begins with fellowship

1 John 1:3

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

- B. Bigger than you
- 1 John 4:10
- Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
- **Matthew 16:18**
- And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
- C. Bigger than "these"
- John 12:43
- For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

- D. Bigger than what you think you should do Matthew 19:14
- But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.
- Matthew 23:11-12
- 11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.
- 12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

John 21:16

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.

A. One that understands

- 1. The magnitude of God's love
- **Ephesians 3:17-19**
- 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
- 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
- 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

- A. One that understands continued
 - 2. The message of God's love
- 1 Peter 1:22
- Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

- B. One who can lead others to understand
 - 1. The ministration of God's love

Acts 20:28

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

- 2. The manner of God's love
- 1 Peter 5:2

Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

A. God knows his heart (21:17)

John 21:17

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.

- A. God knows his heart (21:17) continued
 - 1. He comes down to Peter's level
- Psalm 44:21
- Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.
 - 2. He reveals what Peter already knew
- 1 John 3:20-21
- 20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.
- 21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

B. God knows his heading (21:18-19)

John 21:18-19

- 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.

- B. God knows his heading (21:18-19) continued
 - 1. Peter's surrender

Revelation 12:11

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

- B. God knows his heading (21:18-19) continued
 - 2. Peter's steadfastness
- 2 Peter 1:13-16
- 13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;
- 14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.
- 15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.
- 16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

What Is Your Answer To Christ?