

# John 21

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 8:00 AM

## **JESUS APPEARS TO SEVEN DISCIPLES**

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, "Feed my lambs." He said to him 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, "Tend my sheep." 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 everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me." (**John 21:15-19**)

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the single greatest event in the history of the world. It is so foundational to Christianity that no one who denies it can be a true Christian. Without resurrection there is no Christian faith, no salvation, and no hope. The foundation of all our hope is expressed in Jesus' own words: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me though he may die shall live" (**11:25**) and, "Because I live, you will live also" (**14:19 NKJV**). (**MacArthur**)

Jesus seems to go to great lengths to restore Peter. For example, there are three questions about devoted love. It appears to parallel Peter's three prior denials along with a charcoal fire to recall even the smell of that fateful night. Why do you think Jesus did this? What lessons are here for us?

As you reflect on John's reading, how has your understanding of Jesus as the Son of God deepened?

Lord, thank you for the gospel of John. I can see clearly that Jesus was the one true Messiah and the Son of God. Strengthen my faith through your Word.