

BIBLE LESSONS ON JOHN JOHN 21

Read John 21:1-14

According to verse three, what did the disciples do with Peter? _____

What happened in verse six, when the disciples, in accordance with Jesus' instruction, cast their net on the right side of the boat? _____

What is the invitation of Jesus in verse 12? _____

According to verse 14, how many times at this point, had the resurrected Jesus appeared to the disciples? _____

Read John 21:15-19

What is the probing question, in verses 15-17, that Jesus repeatedly asks Peter? _____

In verses 15-17, what does Jesus tell Peter to do? _____

After describing what kind of death Peter would experience, what does Jesus tell Peter in verse 19? _____

Read John 21:20-25

When Peter asked about what was in store for John, what was Jesus' response in verse 22? _____

According to verse 23, why did the brethren misunderstand what Jesus said concerning John? _____

Note: It is important to understand the words of Jesus very carefully and precisely. Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 2:15 that approved workers are those who rightly divide the word of truth.

According to verse 25, John wrote selectively, and that if everything was written, John supposes _____.

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Summary of the Gospel of John

Human Author: The Apostle John

Date written: c. AD 85-90

Theme: The Deity of Christ

Purpose: John stated his purpose in John 20:31, where he says these things are written so that the reader might come to believe in Christ and have life.

John's gospel is not directed at any particular target group, but rather is directed towards ALL MANKIND. "For God so loved the world..." (John 3:16).

Outline:

1:1-18 Prologue

1:19-12:50 Public Ministry of Christ

13:1-17:26 Private Ministry of Christ

18:1-20:31 Death and Resurrection of Christ

21:1-25 Epilogue

In the main body of the book, John presents seven major SIGNS (miracles) around which the argument of his gospel is developed (cf. 2:1-11, 4:46-54, 5:1-18, 6:5-14, 6:16-21, 9:1-7, 11:1-45). John hopes, through these SIGNS, to show conclusively WHO Jesus is, and thereby, bring his readers to the point of BELIEF that Jesus is indeed the Christ, the Son of God.

There are also seven key "I AM" statements in the book (cf. 6:35, 8:12, 10:7-9, 10:11-14, 11:25, 14:6, 15:1-5). This title of "I AM" stresses the DEITY of Christ. Back in Exodus 3:14-15, God told Moses that His name forever is "I AM THAT I AM". When Jesus said, "I AM", the Jews immediately understood His claim to be God. However, not believing it, they considered it to be blasphemy (cf. John 10:33). John begins his gospel by stating that Jesus is God (1:1). The main body of the book is replete with this emphasis and the climax of the book presents doubting Thomas confessing, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28). The main theme coming through in John is the DEITY OF CHRIST.

John is called, "The Gospel of BELIEF". The word "believe" is essentially found 98 times in this book. It is always a verb showing that saving faith is not mere intellectual assent. John is the one Gospel that gives the stated purpose of being written, so we might BELIEVE that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that BELIEVING, we might have life in His name (His person).

Please turn to the next page to do a SELF-CHECK of your answers. If you have further questions, email them to doswald1@cox.net.

ANSWERS ON NEXT PAGE

According to verse three, what did the disciples do with Peter? **They went fishing.**

What happened in verse six, when the disciples, in accordance with Jesus instruction, cast their net on the right side of the boat? **The catch was so great, that they were not able to draw in the net.**

What is the invitation of Jesus in verse 12? **To come and eat breakfast.**

According to verse 14, how many times at this point, had the resurrected Jesus appeared to the disciples? **This was the third time.**

What is the probing question, in verses 15-17, that Jesus repeatedly asks Peter? **“Do you love Me?”**

What does Jesus tell Peter to do in verses 15-17? **To tend or feed His sheep.**

After describing what kind of death Peter would experience, what does Jesus tell Peter in verse 19? **To follow Him.**

When Peter asked about what was in store for John, what was Jesus response in verse 22? **Essentially to mind his own business and focus on following Him.**

According to verse 23, why did the brethren misunderstand what Jesus said concerning John? **Because they jumped to a conclusion that Jesus never really said, and then spread this misinformation.**

According to verse 25 John wrote selectively, and that if everything was written, John supposes **that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.**

CONGRATULATIONS! You have completed the Gospel of John Lessons!