

Gospel of John
Chapter 21
Epilogue

John 21(ESV)

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, [Teacher's Note: Sea of Tiberias is also called the Sea of Galilee. It is located about 170 KM] and he revealed himself in this way. ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, 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 go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not

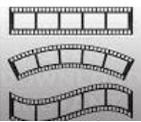
torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ 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." 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 everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ 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." ¹⁹ (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."

²⁰ Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, (the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?") ²¹ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" ²² Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!" ²³ So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

24 This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

25 Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.



Scene it

Epilogue of the Gospel of John:

John has now given testimony of the great signs of Jesus so that others would BELIEVE that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. However, John isn't done. He wants to tell one more story about what happened after Jesus rose from the dead.

1. **Summary** of Events: Write down what happened in each scene of this chapter and how it relates to the theme of the book.

Scene	Passage	Location	Characters	What Happened?
54	John 21:1-3			
55	John 21:4-8			
56	John 21:9-14			

57	John 21:15-19			
58	John 21:20-25			

2. A reader can discern the main point of a story by certain literary devices used by the author. In this case John focuses on Jesus' repetition to Peter to show why he wrote this epilogue. What does Jesus tell Peter 3 times in this story?

3. Which disciples had the previous profession of being fisherman according to Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; and Luke 5:1-11?

4. What did Jesus tell the disciples early in His ministry in Matthew 4:19 and Mark 1:17-20?

5. What kind of "catch" did the disciples experience in Luke 10:1-2 and 17?

6. Where did Jesus tell the disciples to go in his post resurrection appearances according to Luke 24:49?

7. Where did the disciples end up going instead of the place that Jesus instructed? Recall the location on a map.



8. What do you observe about our Lord, **Jesus Christ**?

a. What do you learn about His *character*?

b. How does he interact with *people*?

c. How does Jesus conduct *ministry*?

9. Pray: As you just took time to observe your Lord, now take time to praise God for the person and work of Jesus Christ. Be sure thank God that Christ's perfect life has been credited to your account as if you lived it.



GROWING IN RESPECT TO SALVATION

10. What do you learn about being a disciple in John 21?

What tendencies did you notice in the disciples? Do you struggle in the same way?

11. Remind yourself of the 7 visual images Jesus gives to listeners and then a symbol of this imagery next to the verse

John 6: 35

John 8: 12

John 10:9

John 10:11

John 11:25

John 14:6

John 15:1

Can you think of a pneumonic device to remember the seven I AM statements? Here are the first letters of each of the metaphors: BLDS R WV

12. What impacted you the most from studying the Gospel of John? How have you seen your life change as a result of what you learned?