

John 21:15-25
Jesus is Worth Living and Dying For!
(pt. 3)

May 12

INTRO: Jesus saves some of his very best pastoral advice for last!

Thus far we have heard
5 Vitally Important Lessons

1) The Historical Veracity of Christianity's Most Important Miracle.

Namely, we worship and serve a _____.

(Jn 21:1-2, 14).

2) The Futility of our Best Efforts Apart from Christ.

(John 21:3)

3) Our Compassionate God Meets All our Needs According to His Glorious Riches in Christ.

(John 21:4-14)

4) The Supreme Requirement for Christian Service is Genuine Love for Christ.

(John 21:15a; 16a; 17a)

5) The God of Second Chances Extend Grace Upon Grace to the Penitent and Broken-hearted.

(John 21:15b; 16b, 17b)

6) **Following Christ Closely and _____ are Often Tethered Together.**

(John 21:18-19; Luke 9:18-25; 2 Tim. 2:1-12; 3:12; 1 Peter 2:20-21; 4:12; Acts 14:22;)

To help you apply God's Word to your life, please review the questions/verses/songs on page 3.

For Further Reflection: *Lord help us to be doers of the Word and not just sermon connoisseurs*

How were you encouraged, challenged, and/or convicted today? What do you want to study further as a result of listening to today's message?

Jesus is worth living and dying for! Do you agree? Why or why not?

As you think back on your Christian walk, who in your life has most instilled this lesson in you?

While listening to today's exposition what songs/hymns came to mine? *For the Sake of the Call. Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken. How Firm a Foundation.* _____

Why were the disciples, especially Simon Peter, such broken vessels? (Note Luke 22:54-62) How/why were the formally self-confident and often proud disciples (note Matt. 26:31f; Luke 22:24-30) suddenly so sad and distraught?

How could a prophecy that predicts one's Christian martyrdom serve as an encouragement to Peter?

Jesus commanded His followers to be faithful evangelists (Matthew 4:19-20), disciplers (Col. 1:28; Matt. 28:18-19; John 21:15-17), and to suffer "for a little while" for His Name sake (1 Peter 2:19-21; 5:8-11; 2 Tim. 3:12; Acts 14:21-21).

Why did Jesus highlight the cost of discipleship so often in His teaching ministry? Find six such passages in the four Gospels this week. Find three related verses in the New Testament?

Memorize 2 Timothy 1:7; 3:12 and 1 Peter 2:21. Re-read 2 Tim. 2:1-12, Phil. 1:21, and Revelation 2:8-11.

Review the 5 vitally important lessons from the past few expositions of John 21 (*see next page*). Which was the most beneficial to you? Which was the most convicting? Why/How so?

Lord Jesus, this I pray: "To see Thee more clearly, follow Thee more nearly, and to love Thee more dearly, day by day." How does carefully studying the Gospel of John help us do just that?

Discuss the following two quotes from last Sunday's msg: "Better is the sin that humbles me than the duty that makes me proud." "Don't allow past failures to get in the way of today's obedience to Christ."

How is one's love for Christ related to Christian living/ ministry? What is the relationship between heartfelt obedience and genuine love for Christ? The kind of love Christ models and calls us to is _____.

Summarize the failures and shortcomings of Jesus' original band of brothers (the 11 disciples/apostles). Why would it have been reasonable (humanly speaking) if the Master started over with new leadership during the forthcoming "church age?"

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Sermon Outlines of John 20:19-21:117

Outline of John 20:19-23

- 1) Jesus Unexpected Appearance! *(John 20:19-20a)*
- 2) Cloud 9 Comfort and Joy. *(John 20:20-21a)*
- 3) The Pre-Great Commission Declaration! *(John 20:22-23)*

Outline of John 20:24-29

- 1) Resurrection Doubt(s). *(John 20:24-26a)*
- 2) Resurrection “Déjà Vu.” *(John 20:26-27)*
- 3) The Climatic Confession of Faith! *(John 20:28)*
- 4) The Final Beatitude! *(John 20:29)*

John 20:30-31 messages

Note the two related sermon series, “Christ in the O.T.” & “Jesus, Son of God.”

John 21:1-17

This epic epilogue underscores the following 5 Lessons:

- 1) The Historical Veracity of Christianity’s Most Important Miracle. Namely, we worship and serve a risen Savior (*Jn 21:1-2, 14; Rom. 1:4; 1 Cor. 15:1-20*).
- 2) The Futility of our Efforts Apart From Christ. *(John 21:3; John 15:1f; Matt. 4:18-20)*
- 3) Our Compassionate God Meets All off our Needs According to His Glorious Riches in Christ.
(John 21:4-14; Phil. 4:19; Eph. 3:16-21; 1 Pet. 5:5; Heb. 13:8; Lam. 3:22f)
- 4) The Supreme Requirement for Christian Service is Genuine Love for and Devotion to Christ.
(John 21:15a; 16a; 17a; 14:15-24; Eph. 6:24; Mt. 22:37; Rev. 2:1-5)
- 5) The God of Second Chances Extend Grace Upon Grace to the Penitent and Broken-hearted.
(John 21:15b; 16b, 17b)