

From Fisherman to Shepherd John 21:1-19

Chapter 20 concludes the purpose of John's gospel.

Chapter 21 provides a different purpose.

Those who follow Jesus (the church) are going to need faithful leaders, who will display their love of Jesus through their love of his followers.

vs. 1, Back in Galilee (Sea of Galilee)

vs. 3, Is it possible to get back to the normal routines of life?

vs. 4-7, Friends, you don't have any fish, do you?

It is the Lord!

- Can you believe it? We have to count.
- We need to know the number so we can divide them for the market.
- I can't believe the net held that many fish.

Again, what is Jesus up to? (**vs. 9**)

A charcoal fire is burning and fish and bread are being prepared.

vs. 12, Come and have breakfast.

- Jesus serves them the bread and the fish.
- The third time for those present.
- None asked, "Who are you?" Jesus is the same and yet he is somehow different (resurrected body).

John 6:35 "I am the bread of life," Jesus told them. "No one who comes to me will ever be hungry, and no one who believes in me will ever be thirsty again.

John 6:11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and after giving thanks he distributed them to those who were seated—so also with the fish, as much as they wanted.

-> Jesus is serving before the crucifixion and Jesus is serving after the resurrection!

Mark 1:17 "Follow me," Jesus told them, "and I will make you fish for people."

vs. 15, After they had eaten, Jesus gets some time with Peter.

vs. 20, Peter and Jesus are alone.

Jesus - Simon, son of John (Jonah), do you love me more than these? (**vs. 15**)

Are you willing to have your life consumed by something else?

Flash back:

John 13:37-38 "Lord," Peter asked, "why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." **38** Jesus replied, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly I tell you, a rooster will not crow until you have denied me three times.

John 12:25 The one who loves his life will lose it, and the one who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Peter - Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.

Jesus - Feed my lambs.

Jesus - Simon, son of John, do you love me? (**vs. 16**)

Peter - Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.
Jesus - Shepherd my sheep.

Jesus - Simon, son of John, do you love me? (**vs. 17**)
Peter - grieved...Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.
Jesus - Feed my sheep.

Facts don't necessarily bring comfort to the soul.

Psalm 51:7 Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Colossians 1:13-14 He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. **14** In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

We aren't one dimensional beings.

Jesus goes to where the pain exists.
He wants complete restoration.
Jesus' focus isn't the law, his focus is the heart.
Peter, do you love me?

To be a follower of Jesus one must have a deep love for him.

Because of Jesus you can discover increasingly joyous moments of wholeness.

Side Note: The point is not that Peter and Jesus are using different Greek words for love.

Love is expressed through obedience.

John 14:15, 21 "If you love me, you will keep[g] my commands. **21** The one who has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I also will love him and will reveal myself to him."

Jesus is giving Peter a task. Care for my sheep the way I have cared for my sheep, to the point of offering your life.

The point is shame has been overcome. Peter's heart has been re-aligned.
Jesus forgives, restores, and calls to action!

vs. 19, Follow me.

1 Peter 5:1-4 I exhort the elders among you as a fellow elder and witness to the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory about to be revealed: **2** Shepherd God's flock among you, not overseeing out of compulsion but willingly, as God would have you; not out of greed for money but eagerly; **3** not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. **4** And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Question: Do I trust in the provision of Jesus? Do I believe that abundance is real? How do my actions demonstrate this belief?

In your pain, what is Jesus asking? How is he cultivating your heart? How is he challenging you to live a changed reality (restored & whole)?