

After a miraculous catch, Jesus serves up a breakfast of _____ and _____ to some of His disciples.

Peter is tapped by Jesus to replace Himself as the in-person _____ and _____ of Jesus' followers.

John ends his writing with one final picture of Jesus standing on a beach, cooking breakfast for His friends, and laying out some of what's coming for His disciples. In the process, He showed Peter the importance of properly ordering his loves as he prepares to lead His friends and the soon-to-be-established church. Jesus was calling for ultimate allegiance, making it clear that Peter could not properly care for or lead others unless Jesus was his undisputed number one. Peter's entire ability to shepherd the church was going to hinge on his love for Christ. It's a dynamic we see in our own lives—nothing works properly until Jesus is our uncontested first love. Let's stop trying to serve God with disordered priorities or giving Him the leftovers of our affection. Let's get our loves in the right order, submit to His lordship, and take care of the people He's placed in our lives.

What has been particularly impactful for you in our study of John?