

John 21:1-14

Breakfast on the Beach and the Infinite Compassion of Christ!

INTRO: After a miraculous resurrection the 4th Gospel reaches its Christological zenith with a dogmatic declaration of faith- **John 20:28-31.**

Why John 21? Why does the Holy Spirit compel the Apostle John to add an epilogue?

A)

B)

C)

D)

3 Vitally Important Parting Lessons

To further affirm 1) **The Historical Veracity of Christianity's Most Important** _____

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Namely, **we worship and serve a** _____.

(John 21:1-2, 14; Rom. 1:4; 1 Cor. 15:1-20)

2) The Futility of Our _____ Apart From Christ.

(John 21:3; John 15:1-11; Matt. 4:18-20; Luke 5; Col. 1:29)

**3) Our Compassionate God Meets _____
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)

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

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

When reviewing your notes this week reflect on the prayers/praises expressed in Psalm 103.

We rarely learn the lessons God wants to teach us the first time. God loves us so much (Christian) that He gives us new opportunities (often via trials) to mature us in the faith (note Heb. 12) and in the process He makes us more fruitful and useful to Him. Proud men don't know what they think they know but they think and act as if they do; (or they simply don't care that they don't know what they don't know). Note Prov. 9:7-10; Matt. 26:31-46. Talk about a time when God had to really humble you in order to make you more useful in ministry service. In view of lesson 2 from the sermon today, talk about a time when you needed to learn and relearn something God was trying to teach you. How is prayerlessness connected to self-reliance? What are some indicators that you are walking in the Spirit?

Why were the original disciples of Christ, especially Peter, such broken, crushed vessels? (Note also Luke 22:54-62). How were the formally self-confident and often proud disciples (note Matthew 26:31f; Luke 22:24-30) suddenly so sad and distraught?

Have you ever entertained thoughts that previous failures and/or sins have permanently disqualified you from on-going service to Christ? Obviously, we're not talking about the non-negotiable qualifications from church leaders (note 1 Tim. 3). Discuss Lesson 2 and related verses. How should lesson 3 encourage a broken, humble disciple?

How is ingratitude connected to pride and thankfulness/gratitude related to humility?

What songs/hymns came to mind while listening to today's exposition of John 21:1-14?

Related songs/hymns: Sovereign Grace Music, *Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103)*; *Praise His Name (Psalm 148)*; *Give to Our God Immortal Praise*. Hymn: *Wonderful the Matchless Grace of Jesus. His Mercy is More*. Keith and Kristyn, *Compassion Hymn*.

One author notes, "The Hebrew and Greek words translated 'compassion' in the Bible mean *to have mercy, to feel sympathy and to have pity*. We know that, according to the Bible, God is 'a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness; (Ps 86:15). Like all of God's attributes, His compassion is infinite and eternal. The Lord's compassion for His people never fails; they are new every morning (Lam. 3:22-23). Great is Thy faithfulness!"

Review Lesson 1. John 21:1-14 is historical narrative. It's not a parable. Explain the doctrinal significance of this basic observation. Talk about the practical, personal, and theological significance of the historical, bodily resurrection of Christ. Also note Romans 1:4 and previous John 11 and 1 Cor 15 sermons.

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Sermon Outlines of John 20

John 20:1-10 presents 3 Resurrection Affirming Witnesses:

- 1) The Rolled Away Stone. *(John 20:1-2)*
- 2) The Cadaver-less Grave Clothes. *(John 20:3-5)*
- 3) The Empty Tomb. *(John 20:6-10; Luke 24:9-12)*

Outline of John 20:11-18

- 1) Mary's Brokenhearted Sorrow. *(John 20:11-12)*
- 2) Mary's Grief-Stricken Blindness. *(John 20:13-15)*
- 3) Mary's Resurrected Joy *(John 20:15-18)*

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)*

What are the three components of this critically important ministry assignment?

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!
-AKA- The Pinnacle Proclamation! *(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."

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