

21:1-14 The Word of God in Action  
Series: Who is Jesus, the Christ?  
Reading – **John 21:1-14** 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017

The last couple of weeks we have been looking at Christ's appearances after His resurrection. He came to seek His own, to comfort them and to commission them. They were to be His witnesses, yet they weren't ready. They still didn't understand and believe. He meets with them in different places and shows them: **1.)** Who He is. **2.)** That the crucifixion was the plan of God. **3.)** That they had a job to do--to be witnesses. **4.)** They still needed His promised blessing of the Holy Spirit and then **5.)** they would be going forward with His authority to point people to the only way to heaven. This week we want to start looking at Peter's response. Peter's response is not only worth our time because it is in John's gospel, but because we all too often are like Peter. Too quick to make claims that we don't live out, too quick to open our mouth and say things that aren't true and that we don't understand, and lastly too quick to get discouraged and walk away. Join us as we continue to look at the Word of God, coming to us.

- The beauty of studying a book is getting to know the author and understand Him. We make a friend and find ourselves lost to the wonder of who God is. I am dreading leaving John. John writes simply and we miss the beauty because we don't slow down, we also miss because we don't look at the whole. Let's just do a quick survey of John.
- Review – How would you sum up the gospel of John? What are its purposes, its themes?
  - Purpose – **John 20:30-31** <sup>30</sup> “And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”
    - Many other signs not written... Not an exhaustive account, but the highlights.
    - Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
    - Knowing Him brings salvation through faith, and produces new life in the believer.
  - Themes –
    - Who is Jesus?
      - He is described and introduced to us as the Word of God, He is called the life, and this life is the light of men, He was full of grace and truth... and of His fullness we have received, and grace for grace.
        - **John 1:14** “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”
      - John testifies that He is the Lamb of God and the Son of God.
      - His disciples call Him the Christ, the Anointed One, the Messiah, the King of Israel.
      - He said of Himself: “I am the living bread, the bread of life, I am from Him, I am the Light of the World, I am with the Father, I am one who bears witness, I am He, I am from Above, I AM, I am the Light of the Word, I am the Door, I am the Good Shepherd, I am the Son of God, I am the Resurrection and the Life, I am your Lord and Teacher, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, I am in the Father, I am the true Vine, I am not alone, I am glorified in them, I am not longer in the world, I am not longer of the World, I am He, I am a King, I am ascending.”
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Theme: **John 1:11-13** <sup>11</sup> “He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”
      - John 1 is our Introduction to the Word of God! In the beginning was the Word!
        - **John 1:14** “And the Word became flesh and dwelt (tabernacled) among us, and we beheld His glory...”

- **John 1:6-7** “<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> This man came for a witness..”
- **John 1:15** “John bore witness of Him...”
- **John 2** He is at wedding in Cana of Galilee and then the temple of God cleaning His Father’s house.
  - **John 2:19** “Jesus answered and said to them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”
- **John 3** He is with Nicodemus, the Pharisee
  - **John 3:14-16** “<sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”
- **John 4** He is with the Samaritan woman and then back to his home area, Cana of Galilee.
  - **John 4:10** “Jesus answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, Give Me a drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”
  - **John 4:14** “but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”
  - **John 4:35** “Do you not say, There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!”
- **John 5** He visits the Pool of Bethesda and the man who had waited 38 years for healing.
  - **John 5:24** “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”
- **John 6** Feeds the 5000; Walks on water to the disciples...
  - **John 6:27-29** “<sup>27</sup> Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him. <sup>28</sup> Then they said to Him, What shall we do, that we may work the works of God? <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”
  - **John 6:35** “And Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.”
- **John 7** Christ attends the Feast of Tabernacles
  - **John 7:28-29** “<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. <sup>29</sup> But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me.”
  - **John 7:37-38** “<sup>37</sup> On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup> He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”
  - **John 7:50-51** “<sup>50</sup> Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, <sup>51</sup> Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?”
- **John 8** He comes to the temple and meets with the woman caught in adultery.
  - **John 8:12** “Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”
  - **John 8:28** “Then Jesus said to them, When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and *that* I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.”

- **John 8:35-36** <sup>35</sup> “And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. <sup>36</sup> Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”
- **John 8:43-45** <sup>43</sup> “Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. <sup>44</sup> You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it. <sup>45</sup> But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.”
- **John 8:58** “Jesus said to them, Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”
- **John 9** He heals a man born blind from birth and sends him back as His witness. A man born that way “that the works of God should be revealed in Him.” VS. 3
  - **John 9:35-38** <sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, Do you believe in the Son of God? <sup>36</sup> He answered and said, Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him? <sup>37</sup> And Jesus said to him, You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you. <sup>38</sup> Then he said, Lord, I believe! And he worshiped Him.
- He teaches that He is the door and the Good Shepherd.
  - **John 10:26-28** <sup>26</sup> “But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup> And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”
- John 11 is about Lazarus’ death and resurrection.
  - **John 11:25-26** <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. <sup>26</sup> And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”
  - **John 11:53** “Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death.”
- John 12 feast at Bethany with Lazarus, Mary and Martha and the triumphal entry to Jerusalem.
  - **John 12:14-15** <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: <sup>15</sup> Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt.”
  - **John 12:24-26** <sup>24</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. <sup>25</sup> He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.”
  - **John 12:32-33** <sup>32</sup> And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *peoples* to Myself. <sup>33</sup> This He said, signifying by what death He would die.”
  - **John 12:46** “I have come *as* a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.”
- **John 13** on is the upper room and the last of His message to the disciples... His love for them in washing their feet and the command to love one another in **Ch. 13**, His encouragement that He is preparing a place for them in **Ch. 14**, His strength for them would be in their partaking of His life as He is the Vine in **Ch. 15**. His preparation for them that He will send them another comforter in **Ch. 16** and finally His prayer for them, that they may be one with Him and the Father, sanctified in the truth by the word of truth in **Ch. 17**.
- **John 18** the garden and betrayal of Christ
- **John 19** we have the Crucifixion
- **John 20** the Resurrection
- **John 21** His coming to the Disciples at the Sea of Tiberias (Galilee).
- Second aspect of the coming of Christ is love!
  - LOVE: 1 John 36x; Song of Sol. 30X; Psalms 150 Chapters 29x; John 26x
  - Lov\* Psalms 69x; John 57x; 1 John 46x

- That makes it the most used word in the book of John.
  - You is used 36x
  - I is used 18x
- Fathers love for the world that motivated the giving of His Son.
- It was men's love of darkness that will be their condemnation.
- It was lack of love for the Father that made them reject the Son.
- And it was Christ's love for His Father and for His disciples that took Him to the cross.
- **John 13:1** "Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end."
- **Romans 8:37** "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."
- So let me point you to Christ's call.
  - He came to the disciples in **Matthew 4:19**
    - "Then He said to them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."
  - Yet he calls them again after teaching in **Luke 5**. He tells them to go out into the deep and cast out their nets. They had toiled all night and had caught nothing. **Luke 5:5**... After obeying they fill two boats till they begin to sink!
    - **Luke 5:8-11** "<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord! <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also *were* James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men. <sup>11</sup> So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him."
      - Luke is after healing Peter's mother! **Luke 4:38**.
      - **Luke 5:4-5** "<sup>4</sup> When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch. <sup>5</sup> But Simon answered and said to Him, Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."
  - So here at the end He calls them again, to come and follow.

I wonder how many times Christ comes to His own in love and is not received. How many times does He in His grace work with us and call us? Again and again showing us that He is God. Can you hear His voice today? He is still calling. Let us be like Peter and fall at His feet, recognizing our sinfulness and let us ask for mercy.

Prayer ..... "Now May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen." (**2Co 13:14 NKJ**)

Sing the Doxology.... Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creature, here below..., Praise Him above you heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen