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(Basic Bible in English)

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Jesus has appeared back to His disciples after the resurrection and He's giving them instructions. He's giving them the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify God, not further their own agenda. They do not have the power to forgive sins; only Jesus has that power.

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Sidebar:

1 John 3:1-3

This is the scripture that describes how we'll be like Christ after the resurrection:

**1 ¶ Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.**

**2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.**

**3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.**

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**24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus (twin), was not with them when Jesus came.**

**25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.** You guys can tell me all you want to, but I won't believe Jesus is back until I see and touch those wounds myself. This verse is where the term Doubting Thomas comes from.

**26 ¶ And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.** Jesus went through the doors; they were shut, He didn't open them; He just went through the doors. It shook them up.

**27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.** Jesus told Thomas, feel my wounds, go ahead. Since you said you wouldn't believe any other testimony, go ahead and see for yourself.

**28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.** Now Thomas believes.

**29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.** Those who believe without any proof of Jesus and His resurrection are more blessed than those who demand and received proof. Their blind faith is bigger and stronger than those who need proof.

**30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:** Jesus did many miracles then, but they are not recorded. We read only about a very few miracles that Jesus performed. We are told only what we need to know.


**31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.** Life, eternal life, is through the name of Jesus Christ and no other.

### John 21:1-25

**1 ¶ After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself.** Jesus doesn't hang out with the disciples regularly now after the resurrection. He goes away and comes back.

**2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.**

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**3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.** The disciples whole world has changed, they are scared, and they don't know what to do. So Peter decides to go back to what he knows: fishing. He feels comfortable in that mode. The other disciples decided to go with Peter for a day of fishing. They fished all night and didn't catch a thing.

**4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.** The men could see Jesus but they didn't know it was Him.

**5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.** Jesus is talking down to the men as a parent would talk to small children.

**6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.** Jesus told them where to put the net, and the catch was so big the net should have broke! After trying to catch fish all night, Jesus tells them one spot where to put the net and they hit the motherload.

**7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.**

**8 And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.**

**9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.** Jesus has got the fire ready for cooking.

**10 Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.**

**11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.** We are told exactly how many fish they caught: 153. Whenever we see this kind of detail, there is great meaning to it. What is it? We just don't know yet.

**12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.** They knew He was Jesus, but they weren't going to ask Him.

**13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.**

**14 This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.**

**15 ¶ So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.**


**16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.** This word Love is the greatest love of all here.

**17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.** Now this word Love is like a brotherly love. Jesus' instructions to Peter are "feed my sheep": take the word of God to the people and feed it to them.

**18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.** Jesus talks about something totally different than He's conversated about before. Immediately after telling Peter to feed His sheep 3 times, Jesus tells Peter what's going to happen to him in the future.

**19 This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.** Peter was crucified in Rome as a martyr.

**20 ¶ Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?**



**21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?** Peter has heard how he's going to die; now he wants to know what will happen to John.

**22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.** Jesus tells Peter to mind his own business, take care of his own spiritual business, and don't worry about other people's business.

**23 Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?** Jesus didn't say that John would still be alive when He got back, but the rumor mill got started here. This is a good message for all of us.

**24 This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.**

**25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.**

Jesus did so many miracles that the world could not contain the documentation in all the libraries of the world. We have a small percentage of all the miracles Jesus performed during His earthly ministry.