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CLOSE ENCOUNTERS with Christ

“Seeing the Savior in Action”

Key Verse - 20:31—*“But these are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing, you might have life through His name.”*

STUDY NUMBER ONE – THE WEDDING IN CANA – JOHN 2:1-11

KEY VERSE 2:5

I. The Setting—verses 1-2

v. 1 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

v. 2 Jesus also was invited, and His disciples, to the marriage.

II. The Need—verses 3-5

v. 3 And when the wine failed, the mother of Jesus is saying to Him, “They have no wine.”

v. 4 And Jesus is saying to her, “What is it to me and to you, woman; my hour has not yet come.”

v. 5 His mother is saying to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.”

III. The Miracle—verses 6-8

v. 6 Now there were six stone water jars sitting there after the Jews’ manner of purifying, holding about 18-27 gallons.

v. 7 Jesus is saying to them, “Fill the water jars with water.” And they filled them up to the top.

v. 8 And He is saying to them, “Draw out now and carry it to the superintendent of the dining room”; and they carried it.

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IV. Response—verses 9-10

v. 9 Now when the superintendent of the dining room tasted the water which had become wine and knew not from where it was, but the servants knew (the ones who had drawn the water), the superintendent of the dining room called the bridegroom,

V. The Results—verse 11

v. 10 and is saying to him, “Every man first sets out good wine, and when they have drunk freely [then] the inferior, you have kept the good wine until now.”

v. 11 This Jesus did as a beginning of His signs in Cana of Galilee and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed on Him.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read John 2:1-11 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What crisis develops at the wedding?

3. What do you think Jesus meant in answer to Mary when He said, “My hour has not yet come”?

4. Read Luke 1:38 and compare it to the advice that Mary gives to the servants in verse 5.

5. How do you suppose the servant felt in fulfilling the command of verse 8?

6. What is the superintendent’s response to the tasting of the new wine, according to verse 10?

7. What was the usual practice used by those who were entertaining guests, according to verse 10?

8. What two things resulted from this miracle, according to verse 11?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Jesus knows the loneliness of a single life.

LESSON #2: Are you willing to say, “Lord, whatever you say, I’ll do it.” “Though he slay me, yet will I trust in Him”? Submit to His authority?

LESSON #3: Christ gives us the most precious things for nothing.

LESSON #4: He makes a glorious thing out of the common.

LESSON #5: He gives to us, as Christians, according to His own time and not according to our needs. His gifts are always on time and it is just enough to meet the need.

LESSON #6: He gives the best last.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWO – THE CONVERSATION WITH NICODEMUS – JOHN 3:1-21**KEY VERSE 3:7****I. The Encounter—verses 1-7**

v. 1 But there was a man of the Pharisees, Nicodemus his name, an official of the Jews;

v. 2 this one came to Him at night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we are knowing that from God you have come a teacher; for no one is able to do these signs which you are doing except God be with him.”

v. 3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I am saying to you, except a man be born again, he is not able to see the kingdom of God.”

v. 4 Nicodemus is saying to Him, “How is a man able to be born being an old man? He is not able a second time to enter the womb of his mother and be born, is he?”

v. 5 “Most assuredly, I am saying to you, except a man be born of water and spirit he is not able to enter into the kingdom of God.

v. 6 That which has been born of the flesh is flesh, and that which has been of the Spirit is spirit.

v. 7 Do not begin to wonder that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

II. The Example—verse 8

v. 8 The wind is blowing where it is desiring to blow and you are hearing the sound of it. But you are not knowing from where it is coming and where it is going. So is everyone who has been born of the Spirit.”

III. The Exposure—verses 9-15

v. 9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How are these things able to come to pass?”

v. 10 Jesus answered and said to him, “You are the teacher of Israel, and these things you are not knowing?”

v. 11 Most assuredly, I am saying to you, that which we are knowing we are speaking, and that which we have seen, we are bearing witness; and our witness you are not receiving.

v. 12 If I told you earthly things and you are not believing, how will you believe if I tell you of heavenly things?

v. 13 And no one has ascended into heaven except He who came down from heaven, the Son of Man.

v. 14 And just as Moses lifted the snake in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up;

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v. 15 in order that everyone who is believing in Him may be having life eternal.

IV. The Evidence—verses 16-18

v. 16 For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, in order that everyone who is believing in Him may not perish but may be having life eternal.

v. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world in order that He might be judging the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

v. 18 He who is believing in Him is not being judged. He who is not believing has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

V. The End—verses 19-21

v. 19 Now this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved rather the darkness than the light, for their works were evil.

v. 20 For everyone who is practicing evil is hating the light, and is not coming to the light, in order that his works should not be exposed.

v. 21 But he who is doing the truth is coming to the light, in order that his works might be manifested to have been accomplished by God.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read John 3:1-21 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What basis does Jesus give for entrance into the kingdom of God in verse 3?

3. How does Nicodemus respond to Jesus, according to verse 4?

4. What illustration does Jesus use in verse 8 to describe being born of the Spirit?

5. What Old Testament illustration does Jesus use in verse 14?

6. What does Jesus mean by saying “so must the Son of Man be lifted up” in verse 14?

7. What purpose did God have in sending His Son into the world, according to verse 17?

8. Why are people unwilling to come to the light, according to verse 20?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Nicodemus is a man hungering for reality and a relationship.

LESSON #2: A man born once dies twice and a man born twice dies once and it's no big deal.

LESSON #3: There are no re-wind buttons on the video of life.

LESSON #4: To be Born Again is a divine imperative.

LESSON #5: The Spirit of God convicts us of sin, righteousness, and judgment.

LESSON #6: Jesus Christ was made sin for us when He died upon the cross.

LESSON #7: Believing in Him is to have eternal life.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER THREE – THE CONVERSATION WITH THE SAMARITAN WOMAN
– JOHN 4:1-26

KEY VERSE 4:10**I. The Introduction—verses 1-6**

v. 1 When therefore the Lord knew that the Pharisees heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John

v. 2 although Jesus himself was not baptizing but His disciples,

v. 3 He left Judea and came again into Galilee.

v. 4 Now it was necessary for Him to be going through Samaria.

v. 5 So He is coming to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the small plot of ground which Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

v. 6 Now there was a spring belonging to Jacob there. Then Jesus, having become wearied as a result of the journey, thus He was sitting upon the curbstone of the spring. It was about the sixth hour.

II. The Interview—verses 7-26

v. 7 A woman of Samaria is coming to draw water. Jesus is saying to her, "Give me to drink."

v. 8 For His disciples had gone off into the city in order that they might buy food.

v. 9 Then the Samaritan woman is saying to Him, "How is it that you, being a Jew, are asking a drink from me being a woman of Samaria?" for Jews do not associate with Samaritans.

v. 10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me to drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

v. 11 She is saying to him, "Sir, you are not having anything with which to draw and the well is deep. From where, therefore, are you having this water, this living water."

v. 12 You are not greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this well, and he himself drank from it, and his sons and his cattle, are you?"

v. 13 Jesus answered and said unto her, "Everyone who keeps on drinking out of this water shall thirst again."

v. 14 But whoever takes a drink of the water which I shall give him shall positively not thirst into the ages, but the water which I shall give him shall become in him a spring of water bubbling up unto life eternal."

v. 15 The woman is saying to him, "Sir, give me this water, in order that I may not be thirsty nor continually coming here to draw."

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v. 16 He is saying to her, “Be going on your way, call your husband and come here.”

v. 17 The woman answered and said, “I am not having a husband.” Jesus is saying to her, “You spoke rightly that you are not having a husband.

v. 18 For you have had five men, and now the one whom you are having is not your husband, this true thing you have said.”

v. 19 The woman is saying to Him, “Sir, I am beginning to see that you are a prophet.

v. 20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain, and you are saying that in Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary to worship.”

v. 21 Jesus is saying to her, “Believe me, woman, that an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

v. 22 You worship that which you are not knowing. We are worshipping that which we are knowing, for the salvation is out of the Jews.

v. 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, that the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth. For indeed the Father is seeking such as these who worship Him.

v. 24 God is spirit, and to those who are worshipping Him it is necessary to worship in spirit and truth.”

v. 25 The woman is saying to Him, “I know that Messiah (the one who is called Christ) whenever that One comes, He will make known unto us all things.”

v. 26 Jesus is saying to her, “I am He, the One speaking to you.”

QUESTIONS:

1. Read John 4:1-26 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Why do you think it was necessary for Jesus to be going through Samaria?

3. How does Jesus reveal his humanity, according to verses 6 & 7?

4. What response does Jesus get from the Samaritan woman for His request of water in verse 9?

5. How does Jesus refer to himself in verse 10, and what does He mean by “living water”?

6. How does Jesus get personal with the woman in verses 16-18?

7. What conflict does the woman underscore in verse 20?

8. How is it necessary to worship God, according to verse 24?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: When we are sensitive to the Spirit’s leading, every encounter becomes our opportunity. “Reach out. Reach out and touch someone.”

LESSON #2: The indwelling Spirit is the water.

LESSON #3: Sin must be faced before salvation can be enjoyed (Proverb 25; Psalm 32:51)
–Spirit can be quenched and grieved.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FOUR – THE FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND – JOHN 6:1-14**KEY VERSE 6:6****I. THE BACKGROUND—verses 1-4**

v. 1 After these things Jesus went off to the other side of the sea of Galilee of Tyberias.

v. 2 And a great multitude was following Him because they were seeing the signs (attesting miracles), which He was performing upon those who were sick.

v. 3 And Jesus went up into the mountain, and there He was sitting with His disciples.

v. 4 Now the passover, the feast of the Jews, was near.

II. THE NEED—verses 5-9

v. 5 Then Jesus lifting up His eyes and seeing that a great multitude is coming toward Him says to Philip, “Where shall we purchase bread in order that these may eat?”

v. 6 Now this He was saying, testing him, for He himself knew what He was about to be doing.

v. 7 Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not enough for them, in order that each one might take a little.”

v. 8 One of His disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, is saying to Him,

v. 9 “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people.”

III. THE MIRACLE—verses 10-13

v.10 Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place, so the men sat down, the number about five thousand.

v.11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and having given thanks, He distributed them to those who were seated. Likewise also of the fish as much they wanted.

v.12 Now when they were satisfied, He is saying to His disciples, “Gather up what they left in the way of fragments in order that nothing may be lost.”

v.13 Then they gathered them up, and they filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, which were left over by those who had eaten.

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v.14 Then the people having seen the attesting miracle which he performed were saying, "This man is truly the prophet who is coming into the world."

QUESTIONS:

1. Read John 6:1-14 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Why were the great multitudes following Jesus, according to verse 2?

3. What question does Jesus ask of Philip in verse 5?

4. What was the motive behind the question, according to verse 6?

5. What is Philip's response, according to verse 7?

6. How does Andrew fit into this picture, according to verses 8 & 9?

7. Describe in your own words what Jesus does in this situation.

8. Why do you suppose the Lord Jesus asked the disciples to gather up the fragments after the feast?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Often times the Lord tests our faith and trust in Him by the circumstances that come into our lives.

LESSON #2: Philip and Andrew both failed the test of faith that was placed upon them.

LESSON #3: The failure of these two men is seen in the fact that they did not take Jesus into account when they were discerning their resources.

LESSON #4: Little is a lot when the Lord is in it.

LESSON #5: It is the Lord's desire to take us, to give thanks, to break us, and to use us in His service.

LESSON #6: The Lord is famous for using little and insignificant things to accomplish His purposes.

LESSON #7: The Lord always provides for our needs as we are willing to come to Him, and He does this in super abundance. We see this in both the snapshots in chapter 2 and now in chapter 6.

LESSON #8: When our eyes are on the circumstances, we can not do a thing, but when we get our eyes upon the Lord, He takes what we have and multiplies to meet the need.

LESSON #9: He is the One who provides, we distribute.

LESSON #10: The more you give away, the more you get.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FIVE – THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN SIN – JOHN 8:1-11**KEY VERSE 8:11**

v. 1 And each one proceeded to his home, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

v. 2 But early in the morning (at dawn), He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and having sat down, He was teaching them.

v. 3 And the scribes and Pharisees bring a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery, and having stood her in the midst,

v. 4 they are saying to Him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of committing adultery.

v. 5 Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. What then are you saying?

v. 6 But this they were saying, putting Him to the test, in order that they might be having grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus, stooped down, with His finger was writing on the ground.

v. 7 But when they persisted in questioning Him, He straightened up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw the stone at her.”

v. 8 And again having stooped down, He was writing on the ground.

v. 9 And they having heard it, began going out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, where she had been in the midst.

v. 10 And Jesus, having raised himself up, said to her, “Woman, where are they? Did not one condemn you?”

v. 11 And she said, “No one, Sir.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way; from now on no longer go on sinning.”

NOTES**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read John 8:1-11 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What can we gather about the personal schedule of Jesus, according to verse 2?

3. Why are the scribes and Pharisees bringing this woman to Jesus?

4. What is the significance of the question in verse 5, “What then are you saying?”

5. What are their motives, according to verse 6?

6. How does Jesus respond to their persistent questioning in verse 7?

7. What happened to the woman’s accusers, according to verse 9?

8. What instructions did Jesus give to the woman in verse 11?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Time with the Lord on a daily basis is top priority.

LESSON #2: It is the girl who pays the greatest price in immoral activity.

LESSON #3: The Lord loves us unconditionally.

LESSON #4: Forgiveness, freedom, future — they are yours for the asking.

LESSON #5: The closer we get to the Lord, the more critical we are of ourselves and the less critical of others.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SIX – THE RAISING OF LAZARUS – JOHN 11:17-44

KEY VERSE 11:25

I. THE SETTING—verses 17-19

v. 17 Then Jesus having come found that he had been already four days in the tomb.

v. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles.

v. 19 Now many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, in order that they might comfort them concerning their brother.

II. JESUS WITH MARTHA—verses 20-28

v. 20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went out to meet Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.

v. 21 Then Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

v. 22 And now I am knowing that whatever you may ask God, God will give it to you.”

v. 23 Jesus is saying to her, “Your brother will arise.”

v. 24 Martha is saying to Him, I am knowing that he will arise in the resurrection on the last day.”

v. 25 Jesus said to her, “I myself am the resurrection and the life; the one who is believing in me, even if he die, shall live.

v. 26 And everyone who is living and believing in me shall positively never die (shall by no means die into the ages). Are you believing this?

v. 27 She is saying to Him, “Yes, Lord, I have believed [and still do] that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

v. 28 And having said this she went off and secretly called Mary, her sister, saying, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”

III. JESUS WITH MARY—verses 29-37

v. 29 Now as soon as she heard, she arises at once and went to Him.

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v. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village but was still in the place where Martha met Him.

v. 31 Therefore the Jews, those who were with her in the house and who were comforting her, having seen Mary, that she had arisen quickly and gone out, followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb in order that she might weep there.

v. 32 Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was, having seen Him, fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

v. 33 Then Jesus, when He saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, was deeply moved in His spirit and troubled himself.

v. 34 And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They are saying to Him, "Lord come and see."

v. 35 Jesus wept.

v. 36 Then the Jews were saying, "Behold, how He was loving him."

v. 37 But certain ones of them said, "Was not this man able, who opened the eyes of the blind, to have caused that even this one should not die?"

IV. JESUS WITH LAZARUS—verses 38-44

v. 38 Then Jesus, again moved deeply in himself, is coming to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying upon it.

v. 39 Jesus is saying, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the one who had died, is saying to Him, "Lord, by this time the smell must be offensive, for it is four days."

v. 40 Jesus is saying to her, "Did I not say to you, that if you would believe, you would see the glory of God?" Then they removed the stone.

v. 41 And Jesus lifted up His eyes above, and said, "Father, I thank you because you heard me.

v. 42 Now I know that you are always hearing me but on account of the crowd which is standing around I spoke, in order that they might believe that you sent me."

v. 43 And having said these things He shouted with a great voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

v. 44 The one who had died came out, his feet and hands bound with bandages; and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus is saying to them, "Unloose him, and permit him to depart."

QUESTIONS:

1. Read John 11:17-44 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What promise does Jesus give to Martha in verse 23?

3. How does Martha look on this promise that has been given, according to verse 24?

4. What promise does Jesus make in verses 25 & 26?

5. How does Jesus respond to Mary's weeping in verses 33-35?

6. What do the Jews say about the fact that Jesus is weeping, according to verses 36 & 37?

7. What preparations are made before Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead?

8. How does Jesus respond to Martha's opposition to removing the stone, according to verse 40?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Can you trust God with your present circumstances?

LESSON #2: Jesus really does care about you and what is happening in your life.

LESSON #3: The Lord is saying, "I Love You and all of this is part of my plan for good. . . ."

LESSON #4: The Lord is waiting to meet your needs.

LESSON #5: It is never a question of ability but timing.

LESSON #6: Can you trust Him and His promises when all the evidence is contrary?

LESSON #7: We must learn never to be critical of God with our limited perspective.

LESSON #8: It is one thing to apprehend and another to appropriate.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SEVEN – THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES – JOHN 15:1-14

KEY VERSE 15:5

v. 1 I am the genuine vine, and my Father is the vinedresser (tiller of the soil).

v. 2 Every branch in me not bearing fruit, He is taking away; and every branch bearing fruit, He is cleansing it, in order that it may keep on bearing more fruit.

v. 3 You, already, are clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

v. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. Even as the branch is unable to be bearing fruit of itself, except it is abiding in the vine, so neither can you, unless you are abiding in me.

v. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. The one who is abiding in me and I in him, this one is bearing much fruit, because apart from me you are not able to do anything.

v. 6 If anyone is not abiding in me, he is thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they are gathering them, and casting them into the fire, and they are burned.

v. 7 If you are abiding in me and my words are abiding in you, ask whatever you are desiring, and it will become yours.

v. 8 In this my Father is glorified, that you are bearing much fruit; so shall you become my disciples.

v. 9 Just as the Father loved me, I also loved you. Abide in my love.

v. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love; just as I have kept the commandments of my Father, and I am abiding in His love.

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v. 11 These things I have spoken to you, in order that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

v. 12 This is my commandment, that you keep on loving one another, just as I have loved you.

v. 13 Greater love than this, no one is having, that one lay down his life on behalf of his friends.

v. 14 You are my friends, if you keep on doing that which I am commanding you.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read John 15:1-14 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does Jesus mean when He calls himself the vine and His Father the vinedresser?

3. How does a Christian bear fruit?

4. What do you think it means to abide in Christ, spoken of in verse 4?

5. What do you think is the meaning of verse 6?

6. What are the prerequisites for an effective prayer life, according to verse 7?

7. How is the Father glorified, according to verse 8?

8. What are we commanded to do in verse 12?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Jesus is the Vine, we are the branches, and the Father is the gardener.

LESSON #2: The branch has one purpose, to bear fruit.

LESSON #3: The object is fruit, more fruit, and much fruit.

LESSON #4: The pruning instrument is the Word of God: the SWORD lays bare, the HAMMER breaks in pieces, and the FIRE melts.

LESSON #5: The branch can never settle down in self-contentment.

LESSON #6: The Father is glorified by a good crop.

LESSON #7: The Father's hand is never closer to His child than when He is pruning him.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER EIGHT – THE RESTORATION OF PETER – JOHN 21:1-17

KEY VERSE 21:15

v. 1 After these things Jesus again made himself visible to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and He manifested himself in this manner.

v. 2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas, the one called the twin, and Nathanael, the one from Cana of Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples.

v. 3 Simon Peter is saying to them, "I am going fishing." They are saying to him, "We are coming also with you." They went out and got into the boat; and during that night they caught nothing.

v. 4 But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; however, the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

v. 5 Then, Jesus is saying to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered Him, "No."

v. 6 And He said to them, "Throw the net on the right side of the boat and you will find." Therefore, they threw it, and no longer were they strong enough to haul it in because of the great number of fish.

v. 7 Then that disciple whom Jesus loves is saying to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Then Simon Peter, having heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was only partially clad, and threw himself into the sea.

v. 8 But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, in fact about 100 yards, dragging the net full of fish.

v. 9 Then when they got out upon the shore, they are seeing a charcoal fire already laid, and fish placed on it, and bread.

v. 10 Jesus is saying to them, "Bring some of the fish which you now caught."

v. 11 Simon Peter went up and drew the net to the shore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.

v. 12 Jesus is saying to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples was daring to question Him, "Who are you?" knowing that it was the Lord.

v. 13 Jesus is coming and taking the bread, and giving it to them, and the fish in the same way.

v. 14 This already is the third time that Jesus made himself visible to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.

v. 15 Then when they had finished breakfast, Jesus is saying to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He is saying to Him, "Yes, Lord, you are knowing that I love you." He is saying to him, "Feed my lambs."

v. 16 He is saying to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He is saying to Him, "Yes, Lord, you are knowing that I love you." He is saying to him, "Be shepherding my sheep."

v. 17 He is saying to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved that He said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, you are knowing all things; you are knowing by experience that I love you." Jesus is saying to him, "Be feeding my sheep."

NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read John 21:1-17 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is it that Simon Peter plans to do, and who goes with him?

3. How successful were the disciples on their fishing trip and what suggestions did the Lord have for them?

4. Who is it that recognizes the Lord, according to verse 7, and what does Simon Peter do?

5. What preparations had the Lord made for the disciples when they got to shore?

6. Were they convinced that He was the resurrected Lord, according to verse 12?

7. What question does the Lord ask of Peter and what command does He give him?

8. Describe how Peter feels after the third question, according to verse 17.

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Activity without the Lord’s direction produces nothing.

LESSON #2: Success is not permanent; failure is not fatal; it is repentance that counts.

LESSON #3: Restored and renewed — the Lord is ready with a ministry.

LESSON #4: Obedience produces results.

LESSON #5: The fruit of failure sets the stage for a fabulous future!

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
