

## **The John Class and our responsibility**

### **Jn 21:1-25 Outline**

Jn 21:1-14 Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

Jn 21:15-19 Jesus gives Peter a new commission

Jn 21:20-25 Jesus and the Beloved Disciple

### **Jn 21:1 Jesus Appearances (1-5 Sunday)**

1. To Mary Magdalene (Jn 20:11-18)
2. To other women (Mat 28:9-10)
3. To the two going to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-33)
4. To Simon Peter (Lk 24:33-35, 1 Cor 15:5)
5. To the ten apostles and others (Lk 24:36-43, Jn 20:19-25)

### **Subsequent appearances of our Lord during his resurrection**

6. Jesus and Thomas (Jn 20:26-31, 1 Cor 15:5)
7. Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples (Jn 21:1-25)
8. The Commissioning of the Disciples (Mt 28:16-20, 1 Cor 15:6)
9. Jesus appeared to James, then to all the apostles (1 Cor 15:7)
10. Jesus Appears to His Disciples & the promise of the Holy Spirit (Lk 24:44-49, Ac 1:3-8)
11. The Ascension of Jesus (Lk 24:50-53, Ac 1:9-12)

### **Jn 21:2 Seven Fishing**

1) Simon Peter; 2) Thomas called the Twin; 3) Nathanael of Cana in Galilee; 4 & 5) the sons of Zebedee; 6 & 7) and two others of his disciples

### **12 Tribes of Israel List**

Genesis 29, 35; 46; 49; Exodus 1; Numbers 1:1-15; 1:20-43; 2:7, 10; 13; 26; 34; Deuteronomy 27; 33; Joshua 13; Judges 5; 1 Chronicles 2:1; 2:3-8; 12; 27; Ezekiel 48; Revelation 7

### **144,000 Church**

- 1) Book of Revelation was written after A. D. 70, after the Diaspora.
- 2) Genealogy Mt and Lk prove who the messiah was through birth.

### **Number 12 representing the people of God**

12 tribes of Israel the 12 apostles and the 12 legions of angels (Mt 26:53)

**12 Apostles List**, Mt 10:2-6, Mk 3:16-19, Lk 6:12-16 and Act 1:13, 26.

**Temporal necessities supplied before Jesus' death**

Lk 8:3, Mission of the Twelve Mt 10:5-9-10-15, Mk 6:6-8-9-13, Mission of the Seventy Lk 10:1-4-20

**Change in advice Jesus gives, Lk 22:35-38**

**Covenant of sacrifice**

Rev 1:12-16, Lampstands, Ge 15:1-9-10-17-21, Jer 34:8-18-20-22

**Jesus had told his disciples to return to Galilee Mk 14:28 and 16:7**

Mk 16:12 After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country.

**Jn 21:5-7** Heb 9:16-17 will is involved, Heb 12:12-13 straight paths for your feet

**Jn 21:8** representing the faithful throughout the Gospel Age.

**The number two represents years between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> advent**

Jn 21:8, Lk 10:25-35-37, Jn 4:1-40-41, Samaritans represent gentiles during gospel age

**Jn 21:9** Water represents peoples; Jesus directs the disciples to the place that fish will be caught; boat represents safety; fish represent Christians; bread represents the body Jesus gave for redeeming mankind.

**We need to be active in having Jesus feed us.** “The difference between reading and study is like the difference between drifting in a boat and rowing toward a destination.” Oscar Feucht, “Eating without digesting is like reading without reflecting.”

**Jn 21:10-11** 153 fish, Beauties of the Truth May 2, 2012

Pyramid is God's stone witness, Ante Chamber represents the individual Christian walk. C353

**Grand Gallery ceiling, 12** representing people of God

12 X 153 = 1836

**First miraculous catch of fish** (5 disciples) Lk 5:1-11 this results in Peter as well as James and John, the sons of Zebedee, joining Jesus vocationally as disciples.

**Jewish age harvest (5 disciples) Gospel age harvest (7 disciples)**

**Lk 5**

1. Followed a night of failure
2. No exact number of fish given
3. The nets began to break
4. Christ instructed from boat

**Jn 21**

1. Followed a night of failure
2. 153 fish (v. 11)
3. The net did not break
4. Christ instructed from shore

Results of two harvests. Jewish nation not successful, does not reach desired destination, shore.

The number 5 in this case, the five disciples, along with the five posts as you enter the Holy of the tabernacle and the feeding of the 5,000 would represent or be a picture of the Jewish harvest. Lk 16:19-21 parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus 5 brethren, Mt 25:1-13 5 wise and 5 foolish virgins.

**Jn 21:12-13**

Disciples did not recognize him by his appearance, but by mannerisms. Similarly with those on the way to Emasus. Lk 12:41-48

**Jn 21:14** Jesus' 7 appearance collectively and the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the disciples.

**Jn 21:15-19 Jesus gives Peter a new commission)**

Jn 13:37, Mt 26:33 Peter tells Jesus that he loves him more than these Mk 26:31-35, 69-75 (Mk14:66-72) cock crowed after the first denial, thus as a warning, and after the third denial as a (conformation of the prophetic testimony) prophetic fulfillment of the three denials. And Peter weeps.

The image changes from that of the fisherman to that of the shepherd. Peter's new vocation was to minister both as an evangelist (catching fish) and a pastor (shepherding the flock). These two vocations should be intertwined, evangelizing, witnessing, (2Ti 4:5) and shepherding so all may mature in the Lord.

The two Greek verbs with related meanings are used in this passage. Greek agapæ is selfless, self-giving love, the kind of love God has for his human creations. Greek "phileæ" is the love friends or brothers have for each other (Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love).

The exchange goes like this:

"Do you agapæ (ST25) me?" "I phileæ (ST5368) you." "Feed my lambs (ST721). Do you agapæ (ST25) me?" "I phileæ (ST5368) you." "Shepherd my sheep (ST4263). Do you phileæ (ST5368) me?" "You know I phileæ (ST5368) you." "Feed my sheep (ST4263)."

The three admonitions Jesus gives to Peter are "Feed My lambs," "Shepherd My sheep," and "Feed My sheep."

Both the lambs and the more mature sheep need feeding and leading, and this is the task of the spiritual shepherd.

### **Jn 21:20-25 Jesus and the Beloved Disciple**

From Peter's perspective, through his understanding and following comment, he believed the Lord would return within the Apostle John's life time. Then the clarifying statement and the reiteration of Jesus' statement in Jn 21:23.

### **Jn 21:23**

Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?" NRSV

Jesus does not give an explanation of Jn 21:22. Jesus does correct their misunderstanding of his word of what they do not mean.

So the question is how does John remain for 1845 years until our Lord's return? The answer is: John is a class of people represented in the spirit begotten saints during the harvest, you and me.

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