

# The **Good News** that John Wrote

***...that you may believe that  
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of  
God, and that believing you  
may have life in his name.***

**John 20.31**

***Life in the Spirit***

# Objectives of the Class

- To behold in our hearts the glory of Christ
- To participate more deeply in life in the Spirit
- To become more conformed to His image
- To pray for and encourage one another

# Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

# John 21.1-25

## John 21.1

After this, Jesus appeared once more to his disciples at Lake Tiberias. This is how it happened.

## John 21.2

Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael (the one from Cana in Galilee), the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples of Jesus were all together.

## John 21.3

Simon Peter said to the others,  
“I am going fishing.” “We will  
come with you,” they told him.  
So they went out in a boat, but  
all that night they did not catch  
a thing.

## John 21.4

As the sun was rising, Jesus stood at the water's edge, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.



## John 21.5

Then he asked them, “Young men, haven’t you caught anything?” “Not a thing,” they answered.

## John 21.6

He said to them, “Throw your net out on the right side of the boat, and you will catch some.” So they threw the net out and could not pull it back in, because they had caught so many fish.

## John 21.7

The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Peter heard that it was the Lord, he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken his clothes off) and jumped into the water.

## John 21.8

The other disciples came to shore in the boat, pulling the net full of fish. They were not very far from land, about a hundred yards away.

## John 21.9

When they stepped ashore,  
they saw a charcoal fire there  
with fish on it and some  
bread.

## John 21.10

Then Jesus said to them,  
“Bring some of the fish you  
have just caught.”

## John 21.11

Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net ashore full of big fish, a hundred and fifty-three in all; even though there were so many, still the net did not tear.

## John 21.12

Jesus said to them, “Come and eat.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord.



## John 21.13

So Jesus went over, took the bread, and gave it to them; he did the same with the fish.

## John 21.14

This, then, was the third time Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from death.

## John 21.15

After they had eaten, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?” “Yes, Lord,” he answered, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Take care of my lambs.”

## John 21.16

A second time Jesus said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” “Yes, Lord,” he answered, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Take care of my sheep.”

## John 21.17

A third time Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter became sad because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” and so he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you!” Jesus said to him, “Take care of my sheep.

## John 21.18

I am telling you the truth: when you were young, you used to get ready and go anywhere you wanted to; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will tie you up and take you where you don't want to go.”

## John 21.19

(In saying this, Jesus was indicating the way in which Peter would die and bring glory to God.) Then Jesus said to him, “Follow me!”

## John 21.20

Peter turned around and saw behind him that other disciple, whom Jesus loved—the one who had leaned close to Jesus at the meal and had asked, “Lord, who is going to betray you?”



## John 21.21

When Peter saw him, he asked Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?”

## John 21.22

**Jesus answered him, “If I want him to live until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!”**

## John 21.23

So a report spread among the followers of Jesus that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say he would not die; he said, “If I want him to live until I come, what is that to you?”

## John 21.24

He is the disciple who spoke of these things, the one who also wrote them down; and we know that what he said is true.

## John 21.25

Now, there are many other things that Jesus did. If they were all written down one by one, I suppose that the whole world could not hold the books that would be written.

**Questions?**  
**Comments?**

# Prayer: Some comments

- Prayer is a sense of presence (of God). St. Gregory of Nyssa.
- Prayer is to stand in our hearts in the presence of God in repentance, humility, gratitude, and longing to belong fully to Him.
- But, we live in the world. We have physical needs as well.

# Prayer: some comments

- Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
- St. Paul, letter to the Philippians 4:6-7