

JOHN 21

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The Miraculous Catch of Fish (21:1-14)

1. Which disciples were with Jesus?

2. What is unusual about this list of 7?x

3. Why do you think Peter and the other disciples went back to Peter's home territory of Galilee?x
 - a. to relax and do some fishing
 - b. to go back to their old occupation
 - c. to put their lives back together
 - d. to forget about Jesus
 - e. to obey Jesus' instructions to go to Galilee and wait for him there

4. Where do you go or what to you do to "get away from it all"?x

5. The seven disciples have returned to the Galilee district, about 90 miles from the place Jesus was killed and rose again. What might they have discussed on the way?

6. Why did Jesus' followers have difficulty recognizing him after the resurrection?x

7. What convinced them it was Jesus on the shore?

8. How many fish were caught?

9. Why did Jesus provide a miraculous catch of fish and then make breakfast for the disciples?x

10. When was the last time you received a large blessing?x Did Jesus get your attention through this blessing?

Jesus Reinstates Peter (21:15-25)

11. Why do you think Jesus pressed Peter three times with the question, "Do you love me?"x
 - a. to get Peter's attention
 - b. to shame Peter for denying Jesus three times
 - c. to make Peter face his failure
 - d. to show Peter he had forgiven him
 - e. to be sure Peter accepted his love

12. If you had been Peter, how would you have felt by the end of the third question?
 - a. angry
 - b. hurt
 - c. guilty
 - d. humiliated
 - e. healed
 - f. frustrated
13. "Feed my lambs. . . Take care of my sheep. . . Feed my sheep." What was Jesus saying to Peter?
 - a. You would make a better shepherd than a fisherman.
 - b. Your job is caring for my followers
 - c. Prove that you love me.
 - d. I'm still counting on you.
 - e. Don't blow it again.
 - f. Lay down your life for people - like I did.
14. In light of 10:15, what would Jesus' shepherd image mean to Peter?
15. If Jesus said to you, "Take care of my sheep" - what would he mean?
 - a. Pick yourself up and get going.
 - b. I need you to carry on my work.
 - c. Get your eyes off of yourself.
 - d. Do something about others' needs
 - e. Use your gifts.
16. What did Jesus mean by his prediction in verse 18? Why did Peter ask about John? What is the crucial issue revealed in Jesus' response to Peter (v. 22)? How is this linked with verses 15-17?
17. When have you compared yourself with someone else and wondered why his or her life was the way it was? How does this affect your desire to do what you are supposed to do?
18. Did John record most of the activities and words of Jesus?
19. Why didn't John tell us about the many other things Jesus said and did? Why did he choose what he did?
20. What has been brought to light for you through the study of John's Gospel?