

JESUS IS THE ONE WHO RESTORES

John 21:1-19

INTRODUCTION

- After Jesus appears to His disciples twice, He comes to them a third time while they are fishing.
- By morning, they have not caught anything. He tells them to cast their nets on the other side of the boat.
- When they reach shore, Jesus has already prepared a fire and some fish.
- He asks Peter three times if He loved Him more than the other disciples.

JESUS IS THE
LORD OF OUR LIVES

JOHN 21:1-14

JESUS APPEARS

- (vs. 1-3) Seven of the disciples participated in this event: Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James, John, and two unnamed disciples (Andrew and Philip).
- Sea of Tiberias - Sea of Galilee, Lake of Gennesaret.
- Peter is now showing his leadership and brings them back to the body of water he has fished, next to his family, in familiar surroundings.
- Nevertheless, it was a futile night of fishing.

JESUS APPEARS

- (vs. 4-6) Here we have a situation similar to the experience of Mary (John 20). The disciples did not recognize him.
- Why didn't they recognize Him: It is possible that it was still dark or there was a mist around the lake.
- Was it a miracle: Jesus didn't say, "try your luck" on the right side, He didn't have a better vantage point, and look at Peter's reaction (vs. 7).

JESUS APPEARS

- (vs. 7-9) Notice that the disciples put the net down without knowing who had suggested the right side.
- As soon as they saw the results, everyone responded according to character: John with a word to Peter, and then Peter jumped in the water.
- Why put on an outer garment: this seems the reverse of what you might do. Putting on a cloak had religious significance when greeting another person.

JESUS APPEARS

- (vs. 10-14) The eight friends enjoyed breakfast together - they pulled in 153 large fish without breaking the nets.
- This time they are not huddled in a room fearing Jewish authorities.
- They were away from any threats and could enjoy the friendship and fellowship.

**JESUS IS THE
LORD OF OUR SERVICE**

JOHN 21:15-19

QUESTIONS FOR PETER

- Jesus now decides to restore Peter to leadership.
- At the time, it may have been embarrassing but was necessary for Peter to become the leader in Jerusalem.
- Jesus asks Peter almost the same question three times. This is so he could reflect on his three denials.
- Notice he now calls him Simon (old name) instead of Peter - he is calling him from fishing to shepherding.

QUESTIONS FOR PETER

- Although the questions were likely posed in Aramaic, John records a difference in the words for love in the questions.
- The first two use the word *agape* while the last question uses the word *phileo*.
- (vs. 17) Peter was “grieved” because the question was asked three times, but he might also have been grieved by the way the third question was asked.

QUESTIONS FOR PETER

- Peter's answer also points to the omniscience of Jesus
- "Lord you know everything (all things)."
- The point of this passage is to show that Peter has been completely restored to his position of leadership.
- Three times he affirmed his love for Jesus, and three times he has been commissioned to care for the flock.

QUESTIONS FOR PETER

- (vs. 18-19) Having established the motivation for service, Jesus went on to describe the turns that Peter's life would take.
- This independent, vocal fisherman would one day be dependent, a prisoner, and most likely a martyr for the Christian faith.
- Stretch out your hands: this may have been a figure of speech or a possible prophecy of his crucifixion.

**NATIONAL DAY
OF PRAYER**

HISTORY OF PRAYER

- The first call to prayer happened before the American Revolution. In 1775, the Continental Congress called on the colonists to pray for wisdom as they considered how they would respond to the King of England.
- One of the most powerful calls to prayer came from President Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War. In 1863, he issued a proclamation for a day of “humiliation, fasting and prayer.”

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

“We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.”

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

“Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.”

Proclamation Appointing a National Fast Day
Abraham Lincoln

DAY OF PRAYER

- In 1952, Congress passed and President Harry Truman signed a resolution which declared an annual, national day of prayer.
- In 1988, President Reagan signed into law a bill that designated the first Thursday of May as the time for the National Day of Prayer.
- George W. Bush created a proclamation to celebrate a National Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving the day after he was sworn in as president.

DAY OF PRAYER

- It is estimated that there have been more than 130 national calls to prayer, humiliation, fasting, and thanksgiving by presidents of the United States.
- There have been 60 Presidential Proclamations for a National Day of Prayer because every president has signed these proclamations.
- There have been almost 1,000 state and federal calls for national prayer since 1775.

HOW DO WE PRAY?

MATTHEW 6

1. GOD'S GLORY

- Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
- Jesus criticized the hypocrites for praying in public places in an effort to impress others.
- Prayer is offered to God, not to human beings.
- Jesus sets the tone for His prayer by addressing God both as Father and as One who is in heaven.
- Hallowed - to make something holy.

2. GOD'S AGENDA

- Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- The disciples knew the Messianic prophecies and would have been familiar with the idea of the kingdom.
- The presence of God's kingdom in this age refers to the reign of Christ in His body (the church) so that we might reflect His love and honor Him.

2. GOD'S AGENDA

- God's will is perfectly executed in heaven.
- Pray that God's will and kingdom would function in your life with the same efficiency and ease that it does in heaven.
- This requires that we place God's agenda above our own agenda.
- Pray that God would have priority in your life.

3. GOD'S PROVISION

- Give us this day our daily bread.
- Jesus prayer for personal needs.
- The Greek word for “daily” means that God would give us what we need, sufficiently, from day to day.
- Pray that God will give you what you need, not what you want.

4. RELATIONAL HEALTH

- and forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors.
- Moving from personal to spiritual needs, we are encouraged to ask for forgiveness.
- Although we are justified by faith (Romans 5:1; 8:1; 10:10), we also must seek forgiveness.
- Pray that God would help you to understand the weight of His forgiveness and forgive others.

5. GOD'S PROTECTION

- And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
- We will encounter trials of various kinds and situations that might tempt us to sin.
- We can pray that God would strengthen us to resist.
- Pray that God would keep you from Satan and sin.

**PRAY FOR
AMERICA**

1. GOVERNMENT

- 1 Kings 3:28; 1 Timothy 2:1-2; Exodus 18:21; Proverbs 11:3; Romans 13:1-2.
- Pray for our leaders, as well as the judges in our courts.
- Ask God to grant them wisdom and to act with integrity.

2. MILITARY

- 2 Chronicles 32:6-8.
- Pray for courage and dependence on God (Psalm 91).
- Pray for perseverance to endure hardship (Isaiah 43:2; Deuteronomy 31:6).
- Pray for divine protection (Romans 5:1-5).
- Pray for wise leaders (Romans 13:1).

3. EDUCATION

- Proverbs 2:3-6.
- Pray for a safe atmosphere conducive to learning.
- Pray for excellence in educators (Exodus 18:20-21).
- Pray for boldness for educators who are believers.

4. CHURCH

- Colossians 2:6-8.
- Pray for unity within the body of Christ (John 17:23).
- Pray for a return to biblical absolutes (Psalm 1:1-3).
- Pray for integrity within the church (1 Peter 2:11; 1 Corinthians 13:6).
- Pray for a holy fear of God in the heart of God's people (Proverbs 9:10).

5. FAMILY

- Mark 3:25
- Pray for the restoration of broken marriages.
- Pray for love within the family (Romans 12:9-13).
- Pray for strong relationships between parents and children and grandchildren (Malachi 4:5-6).
- Pray that parents will train their children in the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 22:6).

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