

John 21 Meditation Questions

John 21:1-14

Peter's fishing story

1 After these things, Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself this way. 2 Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. 3 Simon Peter said to them, **"I'm going fishing."** They told him, "We are also coming with you." They immediately went out, and entered into the boat. That night, they caught nothing.

Meditation Question: What do you think the disciples talked about when they were fishing that night?

4 But when day had already come, Jesus stood on the beach, yet the disciples didn't know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus therefore said to them, "Children, have you anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." 6 He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." They cast it therefore, and now they weren't able to draw it in for the multitude of fish.

Meditation Question: What do you think went through the disciples' minds when Jesus repeated the miracle of the large catch of fish that took place when He first called them as recorded in Luke 5:1-11?

Meditation Question: Jesus spoke to the disciples and gave them an instruction: "Cast the net on the right side of the boat." Immediately, they had a big catch of fish. What can we learn about following Jesus from this story?

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7 That disciple therefore whom Jesus loved said to Peter, **"It's the Lord!"** So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked), and threw himself into the sea. 8 But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from the land, but about two hundred cubits away), dragging the net full of fish. 9 So when they got out on the land, they saw a fire of coals there, with fish and bread laid on it.

Meditation Question: What do you think Peter thought and felt when John said, "It is the Lord?"

10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." 11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land, full of one hundred fifty-three great fish. Even though there were so many, the net wasn't torn.

Meditation Question: Why do you think God allowed them to catch 153 great fish?

12 Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast!" None of the disciples dared inquire of him, "Who are you?" knowing that it was the Lord. 13 Then Jesus came and took the bread, gave it to them, and the fish likewise. 14 This is now the third time that Jesus was revealed to his disciples after he had risen from the dead.

Meditation Question: Jesus, the risen Lord, prepared breakfast for the disciples. What do you think this communicated to them?

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John 21:15-19

"Do you love me?"

15 So when they had eaten their breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, **do you love me more than these?**" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."

Meditation Question: Why did Jesus ask Peter, "Do you love me more than these?" What was Jesus trying to say to Peter when He said, "Feed my lambs?"

16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep."

Meditation Question: Why did Jesus ask Peter a second time, "Do you love me?" What was Jesus trying to say to Peter when He said, "Take care of my sheep?"

17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you have affection for me?" Peter was grieved because he asked him the third time, "Do you have affection for me?" He said to him, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I have affection for you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

Meditation Question: Why did Jesus ask Peter a third time, "Do you love me?" What was Jesus trying to say to Peter when He said, "Feed my lambs?"

Meditation Question: How do you think this conversation with Jesus impacted Peter?

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John 21:18-25

"Don't worry about him, follow me."

18 Most certainly, I tell you, when you were young, you dressed yourself and walked where you wanted to. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you don't want to go." **19** Now, he said this, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. When he had said this, he said to him, **"Follow me."**

Meditation Question: What did Jesus mean when He spoke about Peter's death? What did Jesus want Peter to understand when He said, "Follow me?"

20 Then Peter, turning around, saw a disciple following. This was the disciple whom Jesus loved, the one who had also leaned on Jesus' breast at the supper and asked, "Lord, who is going to betray you?" **21** Peter seeing him, said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?"

22 Jesus said to him, "If I desire that he stay until I come, what is that to you? **You follow me.**" **23** This saying therefore went out among the brothers, that this disciple wouldn't die. Yet Jesus didn't say to him that he wouldn't die, but, "If I desire that he stay until I come, what is that to you?"

Meditation Question: Explain in your own words Jesus' answer to Peter's question, "What about him?"

24 This is the disciple who testifies about these things and wrote these things. We know that his witness is true. **25** There are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they would all be written, I suppose that even the world itself wouldn't have room for the books that would be written.

Meditation Question: John was an eyewitness of the things he wrote about. Why does the testimony of an eyewitness assure us that his testimony is true and accurate?