

*Hope Today*  
*January - April 2022*

## **Daily Study**

**for Program Series**



# **discovering Jesus**

*a study of The Gospel of John*

**Week 15: April 18-22**

Congratulations! With the completion of this study you will have studied and read the whole gospel of John.

The following series of daily readings, questions, and prayers have been designed by Pastor Tom Cullen to lead up to the program for the coming week. There are five daily studies for each week. Allow about 20 minutes a day to complete each one.

A video that will take you deeper into the text is available at [lightnlife.ca](http://lightnlife.ca)

Program Schedule  
*Discovering Jesus*

April 24 - Discovering Jesus in second chances (John 21)

Hope Today Winter/Spring 2022

## Program Series Study Guide

# discovering Jesus

*a study of The Gospel of John*

### *Monday*

#### Read

---

❖ John 21:1-6

#### Study

---

1. Why do you think the disciples are by the sea? (see Mark 14:28; 16:7)

---

---

---

2. What do you think is Peter's motivation to go fishing?

---

---

---

3. Read Luke 5:1-11. How is this incident similar to the one in our text? How do you think this would affect the disciples?

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Notes

---

- ❖ Some people believe that this chapter is added by someone else other than John. They point out that John 20:30-31 seems like a natural end to the gospel. But that is not the only answer ... it could have indeed been written by John. In fact, the vocabulary and the images all mesh with the gospel suggesting the same author. John simply could have added this chapter, at the prompting of the Holy Spirit, to complete the story of Peter and encourage the church to cast the gospel net out into the world.

## Reflect

---

- ❖ What does this passage tell you about self-directed and self-motivated service verses service done under the direction of Jesus Christ? How would you describe your acts of service? Does it need correction?

## Pray

---

- ❖ “Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine:  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.”<sup>1</sup>

---

<sup>1</sup> From the hymn, “Take my life and let it be”. Words by Frances R. Havergal.

## Memory Verse for the Week

---

John 21:25

### **Tuesday**

#### Reading

---

❖ John 21:7-14

#### Study

---

1. Think again of John 21:1-6, then read verse 7. What do you think helped “the disciple whom Jesus loved” to recognize Jesus?

---

---

---

---

2. Read the four statements that Jesus makes at verses 5, 6, 10, and 12. What do you learn about Jesus? What dominates Jesus’ concern and attitude?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

3. Why do you think Peter is anxious to get to Jesus?

---

---

---

4. Do you think it is significant that the disciples catch such a large amount of fish? What does it say to you about Jesus?

---

---

---

---

---

5. How would you describe Jesus' hospitality? How would you respond?

---

---

---

---

---

6. Why do you think the disciples responded to Jesus at verse 12 the way they did? (see John 14:8-10; Luke 8:24-25)

---

---

---

---

---

**Reflect**

---

❖ The disciples obey Jesus – and he not only provides a great catch but also supplies all their needs (A warm fire, a wonderful breakfast, fellowship with himself). God this make a difference in your obedience to our Lord? Is there something he is calling you to do, but you are hesitating for fear that he will not provide?

**Pray**

---

❖ O God, help me to trust in your provision today. May I obey you wholeheartedly and without reserve, knowing that you will supply all that I need to do your will.

**Memory Verse for the Week**

---

John 21:25

---

**Read**

---

❖ John 21:15-17

**Study**

---

1. Why is it significant that Jesus talks to Peter by a charcoal fire? (see John 18:18)

---

---

---

2. When Jesus asks Peter if he “loves him more than these?” what or whom do you think he is referring? (perhaps a clue is found in Matthew 26:33)

---

---

---

3. Why does Jesus ask Peter the same question three times? (see John 13:38)

---

---

---

---

4. Each time Peter responded Jesus gave him a command. What was Jesus asking Peter to do? Write it out in your own words.

---

---

---

---

---

## Reflect

---

- ❖ How would you respond to Jesus if he were to ask you, “Do you love me?” How would your response be different or the same as Peter’s?

## Pray

---

- ❖ O Lord thank you for your grace. Thank you that you did not abandon Peter after he denied you. Help me to know that you will not abandon me in the midst of my sin. May I know your grace today, even as you were gracious toward Peter. May my service toward you be motivated by your love and for love. In Jesus name, Amen.

## Memory Verse for the Week

---

John 21:25

**Thursday**

## Reading

---

- ❖ I Peter 1:3-5; 5:10

## Study

---

1. The event we read about yesterday is significant. It changed Peter’s life. Given what has happened to Peter how would you define, “A new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”?

---

---

---

---

---

---



2. How does Peter refer to God in 1 Peter 5:10?

---

---

---

---

3. What four things does Peter say God will do in 1 Peter 5:10?

---

---

---

---

---

4. How did Jesus do these four things for Peter in John 21:15-17?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Reflect**

---

❖ How has the resurrection of Jesus Christ made a difference in your life?

## Pray

---

❖ My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus name

On Christ the solid rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
Supports me in the 'whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay." <sup>2</sup>

## Memory Verse for the Week

---

John 21:25

---

<sup>2</sup> From the hymn, "My hope is built on nothing less". Words by Robert Critchley.

**Read**

---

❖ John 21:18-25

**Study**

---

1. What does Jesus say about the end of Peter's life? How would this have affected Peter's ministry? Do you think Jesus meant to scare Peter?

---

---

---

---

---

2. What does Jesus teach Peter about obedience and following him in verses 20-23? We are sometimes prone to compare ourselves to others, what might Jesus say to us about that?

---

---

---

---

---

3. Verse 23 gives us a hint as to why John may have "added" chapter 21 to his account. What rumor was he refuting? What clarification did he make?

---

---

---

---

---

4. What does verse 25 tell you about Jesus? Why didn't John write down everything that Jesus said and did? What are we supposed to do, given the information that we do have?

---

---

---

---

---

**Reflect**

---

❖ Are there times when you compare yourself and your service to other Christians and their service? Does this passage have anything to say about that practice?

**Pray**

---

❖ “All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.  
I surrender all, I surrender all.  
All to thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.”<sup>3</sup>

**Memory Verse for the Week**

---

John 21:25

---

<sup>3</sup> From the hymn, “I Surrender All”. Words by Judson W. VanDeVenter.