

Message Fourteen

Life in Resurrection – Practical Aspects

Scripture reading: John 21

I. The Lord moved and lived with the disciples – John 21:1-14.

- A. Chapter 21 is needed to deal with disciple's practical needs.
- B. The Lord moved with the disciples to the sea and lived with them – v. 3.
 - 1. Appearing again to train the disciples to realize His invisible presence – v.1.
 - 2. Training the disciples to live by faith in Him – vv. 2-14.
 - a. Peter and other disciples backsliding to their old occupation from the Lord's call.
 - b. The miracle of professional fishermen catching no fish.
 - c. The disciples having fish when they were in the right position.
 - d. The miracle of catching abundance of fishes at the Lord's Word.
 - e. Calling and recovering Peter by miracles in fishing.
 - f. The miracle of having fish prepared on the land.
- C. *We must learn the lesson of not giving up the Lord's commission because of our living. We must not give up the Lord's burden in order to care for our existence. We are not people of the Lord, we are children of God. We must seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and then the Lord will add the practical supply to us (Matt. 6:33).*

II. The Lord worked and walked with the believers – vv. 15-25.

- A. The Lord worked as the good Shepherd, the great Shepherd, and the chief Shepherd – vv.15-17; 10:11; Heb. 13:20; 1Pet 5:4.
 - 1. The Lord first stirred up the disciples' love toward Him – vv.15-17.
 - 2. The Lord then charged them with lamb-feeding and sheep-shepherding.
- B. Shepherding is for the building up of the church – John 21 and 1 Peter.
- C. The Lord walked with the disciples as His followers – vv. 18-23.
 - 1. The Lord instructed them to follow Him to death.
 - 2. The Lord indicated that some of His followers will live until He comes; the disciples followed Him and lived with Him in His invisible presence and waited for Him to come in His visible presence.

III. Conclusion of the Gospel of John

- A. Life and Building

- B. Apostle John wrote three main portions of the New Testament; The Gospel of John (imparting of life), the epistles (fellowship of life – mutual abiding), and Revelation (Building of God – as churches, the temple and the city).
- C. The Gospel of John does not have a concluding word; the believers *in experience* are continuing to author the subsequent chapters of the Gospel of John.

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Reference Scripture Verses:

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1. After these things Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. And He manifested Himself in this way:
2. Simon Peter and Thomas, called Didymus, and Nathanael from Cana of Galilee and the sons of Zebedee and two others of His disciples were there together.
3. Simon Peter said to them, I am going fishing. They said to him, We also are coming with you. They went forth and got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.
4. Now as soon as the morning broke, Jesus stood on the shore; however the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.
5. Then Jesus said to them, Little children, you do not have any fish to eat, do you? They answered Him, No.
6. And He said to them, Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some. They cast therefore, and they were no longer able to haul it in because of the abundance of fish.
7. Then that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, It is the Lord! Therefore when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment around himself, for he was naked; and he 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 of fish.
9. Then when they got out onto the land, they saw a fire of coals laid there, and fish lying on it and bread.
10. Jesus said to them, Bring some of the fish that you have just now caught.
11. Simon Peter therefore went up and hauled the net to the land full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.
12. Jesus said to them, Come and have breakfast. But none of the disciples dared to inquire of Him, Who are you? knowing that it was the Lord.
13. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the fish likewise.
14. This was now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples after He had been raised from the dead.
15. Then when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My lambs.
16. He said to him again a second time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Shepherd My sheep.
17. He said to him the third time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me? Peter was grieved that He said to him the third time, Do you love Me? And he said to Him, Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You. Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep.

18. Truly, truly, I say to you, When you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go.
19. Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had said this, He said to him, Follow Me.
20. Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also reclined on His breast at the supper, and said, Lord, who is the one betraying You?
21. Peter therefore, seeing him, said to Jesus, Lord, and what about this man?
22. Jesus said to him, If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.
23. This word therefore went out among the brothers, that that disciple would not die, yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?
24. This is the disciple who testifies concerning these things, and the one who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true.
25. And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which, if they were written one by one, I suppose that not even the world itself could contain the books written.

Mat 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Mat 13:20 Now the God of peace, He who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the **great Shepherd** of the sheep, in the blood of an eternal covenant,

1 Peter 5:4 And when the **Chief Shepherd** is manifested, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.