

## **Gone Fishing > John 21:1-25**

**21:1-3** The setting: seven of the disciples have returned to Galilee (following Christ's orders? Or going back to what they know best?) and decide to go fishing. They catch nothing.

**21:4-14** With parallels to **Luke 5**, Jesus commands them to cast the nets and – this time – they are filled to the brim. Peter recognizes Jesus and jumps out of the boat. As we've seen elsewhere in the gospels, Jesus shares a meal with those who need it most and, in doing so, each of the disciples becomes absolutely sure that this is their Lord.

**21:15-19** Peter is focused on specifically. In a parallel to his denial of Christ, three times the Lord asks Peter if he loves Him. The result is a reversal of what happened before, and a call and recommitment to the gospel mission.

**21:20-25** The end of John's gospel concludes – fittingly – with a picture of discipleship. The call has always been to follow Jesus, no matter what. So it shall be for these disciples and for everyone who calls upon Jesus as their Lord!

**Context:** Christ has appeared to the disciples before, but these final pictures provide the ongoing call to discipleship.

**Aim:** Disciples are called to keep trusting Jesus – even after we've failed; even when we aren't sure what is next.

**Gospel:** Christ restores, encourages, equips, and uses those who follow Him, all for His glory and to share His gospel.

**Applications:** Apart from Christ, we can do nothing. Yet in Him, all things are possible. Even forgiveness after terrible sin. Do you follow Jesus? Are you continuing to trust Him?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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