

# SUNDAY FAITH DEVELOPMENT INTRODUCTORY REVIEW

April 8, 2018

## *Appearance of the Risen Lord*

**John 21:1-14**

### LESSON OUTLINE

- 1. John 21:1-1-3a** – GATHERING AFTER CHRIST’S RESURRECTION
- 2. John 21:3b-8** – FISHING ON THE SEA
- 3. John 21:9-14** – MEETING JESUS ON THE SHORE

Last week we studied from the writing of Luke Chapter 24. Our lesson title was He Has Risen. The Bible Expositor and Illuminator concluded the lesson by saying: *“The empty tomb is a powerful proof of the resurrection...We will never have the same experience all these people had at the time of the resurrection. We did not see the Lord Jesus in His earthly ministry, His death, or His resurrection. We can only see these through the eyes of faith by believing the record of those who did see Him physically.”* The song writer wrote: *...were you there when they crucified my Lord...sometimes it causes me to tremble,...* Another song writer wrote, *“Up from the grave...He arose...Jesus lives.”* The title of that lesson says it all, He is Risen.

Today we move the Gospel writing of John. The Holman Study Bible says that John’s focus is different than the Synoptic Gospels. It does not focus on miracles, parables or public speeches. *“...the Gospel of John emphasizes the identity of Jesus as the Son of God and how we, as believers, should respond to His teachings.”*

The Gospel of John is believed to be authored by the Apostle John. The Holman Study Bible says, *“The purpose statement...indicates that John wrote with an evangelistic purpose, probably seeking to reach unbelievers through Christian readers...John emphasized the deity of Jesus from the beginning of his Gospel...John showed that Jesus was always in charge and knew what would happen in advance.”*

Christ had suffered, died and risen. In John 20 we find Mary Magdalene at the tomb weeping. She only saw two angels inside the tomb. Turning around Jesus stood near. As she recognized that it was the Risen Savior, He gave her instructions to go tell the disciples that Jesus was ascending to His Father. Mary told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and she told them of their conversation.

Our lesson today comes from Chapter 21. May the Holy Spirit speak through our teacher as we study the lesson dealing with an Appearance of the Risen Lord.