

SUNDAY FAITH DEVELOPMENT INTRODUCTORY REVIEW

April 15, 2018

Follow Me

John 21:15-25

LESSON OUTLINE

1. **John 21:15-19** – JESUS' QUESTIONS TO PETER
2. **John 21:20-23** – PETER'S QUESTION TO JESUS
3. **John 21:24-25** – THE CONCLUSION OF JOHN'S GOSPEL

Last week our lesson was from the first part of John 21 and entitled Appearance of the Risen Lord. The section entitled Illustrating the Lesson ended by asking a question. Is the voice we hear the Lord or our own ideas? Using animation, the question was answered: Listen? Follow God's Way. If we want to do that, we must first know God's way. We must know the risen Lord. Jesus said my sheep know my voice and a stranger they will not follow. First, it must answer the question: "Are you a sheep of Jesus? Then we must answer: Do we know His voice? The Bible Expositor and Illuminator says that we must put ourselves in the way if blessing by being available to God. Jesus had to help His disciples with their faith following His resurrection. We too need the same help today.

Last week we studied about the miracles of the disciples' who caught 153 fish after having a fruitless moment. Casting the net on the left side brought them nothing. So Jesus instructed them to cast the net on the right side of the boat and the net was filled. Jesus told them to bring some of their caught so that they could have breakfast.

John 21:14 says that "*This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.*" Before they could do the work of the ministry they were physically filled and strengthened.

Today we pick up the next section of John's writing. The Holman Study Bible says that John 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.*"

Our lesson today is entitled Follow Me. Dictionary.com says that follow means: "*to come after...to go or come after...to accept as a guide or leader.*" The instructions given to the disciples then and to us today are the same. We must follow Jesus if we know who He is and if we are truly His. May the Holy Spirit speak through our teacher as we study the lesson dealing with our lesson, Follow Me.