

**LESSON #23 JESUS' POST RESURRECTION APPEARANCES John 20:1-31**  
**Use this lesson outline to record your notes as you watch the Lesson 23 video.**

**I. CONFUSION AT THE EMPTY TOMB 20:1-9**

- There is ample evidence Jesus is who He claims to be if one is willing to examine it with an open mind.

**II. CONFIRMATION TO MARY 20:10-18**

- The best news we have to tell anyone is of God's love expressed in Jesus Christ.

**III. COMMISSIONING OF DISCIPLES 20:19-23**

- The believer is to go into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**IV. CONVERSION OF THOMAS 20:24-31**

- There is blessing for all those who believe in Jesus Christ by faith.

**LESSON #24 JESUS ENABLES THE DISCIPLES TO CATCH FISH John 21:1-25**

**Subject: Jesus empowers disciples to bear fruit and reinstates Peter.**

**Please answer these lesson questions for next week prior to watching the Lesson 24 video.**

**Review**

1. What did you personally find most faith building from Jesus' post resurrection appearances?
2. How deliberate are you in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ's life with others?

**Read John 21:1-5 Fishing without Jesus**

3. Try to picture the futility and frustration of the disciples who have left everything to follow Jesus, only to have him crucified. In verses 1-3 what are they doing and what is the result of their labor?
4. From what Jesus had been teaching the disciples in their time together, what is the lesson of the fish on this day? See Luke 5:10 and John 15:5 also.
5. Why do you think Jesus asked them the question, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"? What did he want his disciples to understand?

**Read John 21:6-14 Fishing with Jesus**

6. Why did Jesus instruct the disciples to throw the nets on the right side of the boat?
7. Put Jesus' lesson to the disciples into a principle that stands true for spiritual fruitfulness in every age.
8. What was the purpose in this particular appearance of Jesus before his disciples as they fished and shared a meal together?

### **Read John 21:15-25      Restoration of Peter**

In English we have only one word for love; however, in Greek there are several words which mean different kinds of love. Agapao is used to describe love in relationship to God. It is the highest kind of love, used in John 3:16. "For God so loved the world..." Another word for love is phileo, a human love as in a friendship between two people. It is the highest love fallen humanity is capable of apart from regeneration and the internal empowerment of the Holy Spirit. To understand the conversation between Jesus and Peter, it is important to know that when Jesus asks Peter if he loves him, he uses agapao. When Peter answers, however, he consistently used the word phileo. More will be explained in the lecture.

9. Why do you think Jesus addressed Peter by his old name, Simon, in verse 15?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Why did Jesus asked Peter three times whether he loved him?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. In the last question Jesus changed to phileo with Peter, instead off agapao. What did the change signify?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What did Peter's unwillingness to use the word agapao reveal about what he had learned about himself from his denial?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. Why did Jesus publically restore Peter and what importance does his action have in the Christian's life today?

### **Reflection and Personal Application**

14. What lesson from John was your favorite and why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
15. What have you learned from your study that has helped you know and love the Lord Jesus more?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
16. Has there been a specific application that you have made in the power of the Holy Spirit as a result of your study of John this year?