



John

Lesson 21 Chapter 21

What a grim Sabbath it must have been for the followers of Jesus. Normally, the Sabbath was a time of rejoicing, but for those who had hoped in Jesus as Messiah there was only confusion, fear, and a dark future. But the darkness brightens when first the women and then later Peter and John go to the tomb to find it empty. Later in the day when Jesus appears to them their mourning turns to rejoicing. Now all the mysterious things He had said to them would begin to fall into place. Many months before Jesus had told them, “that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.” Matthew 16:21. Now they were beginning to understand. Jesus had risen from the dead just as He said He would. Now those who had

witnessed it were given the command to go and testify to all what they had seen and experienced. By the power of the Holy Spirit, their testimonies would change the world forever.

John finishes his gospel by identifying himself as a “true witness.” The things he has written are not just stories that were passed on to him or gossip from the local marketplace. He was there, and he saw and heard it all. He wrote much about of the life of our amazing Savior, but he states that “there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that were written.”

READ CHAPTER 21

Also Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:9-20; Luke 24:13-53

1. Describe the times Christ had manifested Himself after the resurrection.

Matthew 28:1-10

Luke 24:13-25

John 20:19-25

John 20:26-31

John 21:1-14

7. *Explain three major themes found in John's letter.*

8. *What are some specific principles or truths that you learned from the Gospel of John? How will those change the way you live your life?*

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
