

# HALLELUJAH!

WHAT A SAVIOR

JESUS, OUR REDEEMER

John 21:1–19

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## RELATED SCRIPTURES

## STUDY FOR SERMON FROM 05.18.25

Luke 5:1–11 | John 18:15–18 | 1 Corinthians 15:20–22

## SUMMARY

The scene of this passage should feel reminiscent to those who have read the other gospel accounts. John 21:1–14 has a similar pattern to what Luke describes in his gospel, chapter 5:1–11. However, it's important to note these aren't parallel accounts but two separate accounts with similarities and *critical* differences. In Luke's account, Jesus is calling the fishermen to follow him. As they bring in their large haul of fish, Peter is overwhelmed by the holiness of Christ and tells him, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man." John's account occurs after the resurrection of Jesus and after he had already appeared to the disciples in two other instances. Yet still, John includes this account as an epilogue to his gospel and gives us the details of Peter's restoration. Similarly to Luke's account, Jesus instructs the fishermen to throw their nets out after catching nothing, and once again, they catch an overwhelming number of fish. At this moment, the disciples realized it was the Lord, but instead of asking him to depart, Peter leaps from the boat to be near Jesus. This change in posture is a significant departure from what John tells us in chapter 18 when Peter denies Jesus *three times* prior to Jesus' arrest. After Christ's resurrection—his deposit towards the restoration of all things—Peter is a new creation; he has a new life, not because Peter is faithful, rather Jesus is faithful. Just after he provides a meal for the disciples, he affirms Peter's restoration by asking him *three times*, "Do you love me?" Peter's response to Jesus, "You know all things; you know I love you," is the undeniable evidence of Peter's new life. With his renewed heart, the Lord instructs Peter—as he instructs all his followers who have renewed hearts—to go into all the world and love, nurture, and grow his flock.

## GROUP QUESTIONS

Share something that surprises, encourages, or troubles you from the sermon or your direct reading of John 21:1–19.

Note the similarities and differences in the fishing accounts of Luke 5 and John 21. Of what significance are the differences, particularly that of Peter's response?

In what ways does Peter's restoration encourage you? What parallels, if any, might you draw between yourself and Peter?

If there's one thing Jesus would want you to walk away believing and receiving as a result of this portion of Scripture, what is that thing?

## CLOSE IN PRAYER

As you pray, be sure to include today's themes in what you bring before God.