
The Gospel Of John
"The Beauty Of Restoration"
John 21

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Introduction: This morning, we conclude our study of John's gospel.

1. We have covered a lot of ground.
 - John has identified Jesus as Immanuel: God with us.
 - He recorded a number of miracles to support that claim.
 - He has urged us as readers to believe in Jesus.
 - Because by believing we receive eternal life.
2. As John closes his gospel, he shares several of the many times Jesus appeared to His disciples after the resurrection.
3. This was essential to their future ministries as witnesses of the resurrected Christ.
4. There is one more urgent matter he must address before returning to heaven.
5. Earlier in our study we saw Peter boast he would never deny Jesus, but he did. It weighed heavily on him.
6. So, before He left, Jesus intentionally seeks him out and restores him.
7. None of us are perfect. We will all fail Jesus at some point in our spiritual journey.
8. In those moments we need to embrace the restoration Christ offers.

I. The Need For Restoration

A. Peter's Denial

B. Peter's Guilt

C. Peter's Resignation

II. The Process Of Restoration

A. Intentional

B. Painful

C. Purposeful

Conclusion: We don't have any details on how this moment impacted Peter, but we know it did.

1. He is a powerful leader in the early church.
2. That is an important lesson for us.
3. We will all disappoint God at some point in our spiritual journey.
4. In that moment, we can let that failure define us and negate any fruitfulness or embrace the beauty and power of forgiveness and restoration.
5. God will not give up on you, so don't you dare give up on yourself.