

*Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John*

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### **All Things New (John 21:1-25)**

#### **1. A New Source of Power (vv. 1-14)**

#### **2. A New Start in Life (vv. 15-17)**

#### **3. A New Satisfaction for the Soul (vv. 18-25)**

**For Further Thought and Discussion:**

**Getting Started:**

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?

**Going Deeper:**

2. Why would John continue writing after 20:30-31 (where he states his purpose in writing his gospel)? What's he doing in chapter 21? How is this relevant for us?
3. What lesson does Jesus teach the disciples in vv. 1-14? What truth is Jesus reminding them about (see Luke 5:1-11; John 15:5)? What kind of power will the disciples need to accomplish their mission in the world?
4. Why would Jesus ask Peter, "*do you love me?*" three times (vv. 15-17)? How is Jesus restoring Peter, and rewriting his story (see 18:15-17, 25-27; compare 18:18 with 21:9; compare 21:15 with 1:42)?
5. How will Peter glorify Jesus through his life (see vv. 18-19; see 12:23-26)? Why would Peter be curious about the fate of John ("*the disciple whom Jesus loved*"; vv. 20-21)? How does Jesus answer Peter's inquiry (v. 20)? What lesson is Jesus teaching Peter?

**Application:**

6. The resurrected Christ offers us a new power (his resurrection power working through us), a new pardon (his complete forgiveness and restoration), and a new purpose (losing our lives for his sake). How is the new life Christ offers (see Revelation 21:5) different from the normal ways we think about life? If you haven't decided to follow Jesus, what intrigues you most about this life?
7. If haven't yet decided to follow Christ, what is currently keeping you from making this decision? Is it a *content* issue (you don't understand certain aspects of the Christian faith), a *coherence* issue (you have an objection to the Christian faith that you can't resolve), or a *cost* issue (you believe that the decision to follow Christ will cost you something dear)?<sup>1</sup> If this issue were resolved, would you be more willing to embrace Jesus as Lord? Discuss this issue with a Christian friend.
8. What's one thing from this sermon that you can apply to your life this week?

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<sup>1</sup> This question adapted from [https://www.redeemer.com/skeptics\\_welcome/how\\_can\\_i\\_know\\_god/](https://www.redeemer.com/skeptics_welcome/how_can_i_know_god/).