

Is He Worth Following?

John 21 (Series: Walking with Jesus)

On January 26, 2025, by Philip Pinto @ Village Bible Church

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- B. The resurrection and response (20:1 – 10)
- C. Post resurrection appearances (20:11-21:23)
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 - b. Jesus appears to hiding disciples (v. 19-23)
 - c. Jesus appears to Thomas (v. 24-29)
 - d. Jesus “appears” to the readers (v. 30-31)
 - e. Jesus appears to seven disciples (His _____ appearance) (21:1-14)
 - 2. Jesus _____ the disciples (21:1-23)
 - a. Peter (21:15-19) (cf. Jn. 13:36-38, Lk. 22:61-62, Jn. 18:27, Rom. 8:12-17)
 - b. John (21:20-23)
 - 1.) Don’t worry about what Jesus has planned for others compared to His plan for you. Jesus says, “_____ must follow me.” (v. 20-22)
 - 2.) Jesus did not indicate that He would return _____ (v. 23)
- D. John’s _____ (21:24-25)
 - 1. _____ bears witness that he saw these things firsthand (v. 24).
 - 2. John only _____ of the evidences from Jesus’ activities that He was who claimed to be (v. 25).

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 - 1.) Don’t worry about what Jesus has planned for others compared to His plan for you. Jesus says, “**You** must follow me.” (v. 20-22)
 - 2.) Jesus did not indicate that He would return **before John died** (v. 23)
- D. John’s **testimony** (21:24-25)
 - 1. **John** bears witness that he saw these things firsthand (v. 24).
 - 2. John only **scratched the surface** of the evidences from Jesus’ activities that He was who claimed to be (v. 25).

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Pastor’s Note: The final chapter of John contains important words of application for those who would hear its message. “Is Jesus Worth Following?” ...well, is He? (John 21)

