

## John 21 Epilogue

### Introduction.

- A. End of chapter 20 is natural conclusion, with salvation theme.
- B. Chapter 21 is an epilogue, possibly added later, with church theme.

### I. Third appearance of Jesus (1-14).

- A. Seven of the disciples decided to go fishing.
  - 1. Bored?
  - 2. Awaiting further instructions.
  - 3. All but Judas were from Galilee.
- B. Fishing.
  - 1. No success.
  - 2. Jesus on the shore.
  - 3. Throw the net on the other side.
  - 4. Many fish.
- C. Recognition.
  - 1. Why not earlier?
    - a. Early morning.
    - b. Didn't expect to see Jesus.
    - c. About 100 yards away.
  - 2. It is the Lord (not "It's Jesus").
  - 3. Impetuous Peter.
- D. Mission theme (cf. Lk. 5:1-11).
- E. Number of fish.
  - 1. Shows it is an eyewitness account.
  - 2. Possible *gematria*.
    - a. 10 and 7 are numbers of completion.
    - b. 153 is the sum of 1-17.
    - c. Don't make too much of this.

II. Peter restored (15-17).

- A. Three times corresponds to three denials.
- B. “More than these” = more than you love your friends.
- C. Love.
  - 1. Phileo.
  - 2. Agapao.
  - 3. In first century, essentially synonyms.
- D. Feed my sheep/lambs.
  - 1. The totality of the Church.
  - 2. Peter's authority.

III. Prophecy of Peter's death (18-23).

- A. Crucified.
- B. Question about John.

IV. Conclusion (24-25).