

## He Lives and He Loves



MEMORY VERSE: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere."  
Acts 1:8



### JOHN 21:1-6 Jesus Appears to the Disciples

1. At the time, Jesus had already died on the cross and been raised from the dead. Who was at the sea of Galilee and what were they doing? Did they have success?

2. Why do you think the disciples didn't recognize Jesus at first?

3. Read verse 6. What do you think Jesus wanted to teach them by giving them the huge, miraculous catch?



### JOHN 21:7-14 Christ's Example of Service

4. How did Peter react when he realized it was Jesus on the shore?

5. What did Jesus have prepared on shore? What did He ask the disciples to do?

6. How do you see God's special care and help for these men from this event? How do you see God's special care and help for you in your life?



7. What did Jesus do during the 40 days He was on earth after being raised from the dead?  
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8. What were the apostles hoping Jesus would do? What more important plan did God have?  
vv. 6-8

9. Who is the Holy Spirit and what is His role? See the definition of Holy Spirit on the Scripture page.

10. Who appeared to the disciples after Jesus went into Heaven? What did they promise?  
How does this promise make you feel?

### BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Jesus is real! He really lived, He really died, and He really rose from the dead! After He rose, He kept loving and caring for His disciples. God gave believers the Holy Spirit to carry on His mission. God wants us to follow Him and tell others about Him as we wait for Jesus to return!

### PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son Jesus to die for me and for raising Him from the dead. Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to live in all believers! Help me every day to follow You and tell others about You. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

### WALK IN TRUTH



What is the ultimate mission of God?  
(Hint: Acts 1:8)  
How would you describe your role as a follower of Jesus in that mission?

## John 21:1-14; Acts 1:1-11 (NLT)

### John 21:1-6 Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

21 Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. 2 Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples. 3 Simon Peter said, “I’m going fishing.” “We’ll come, too,” they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night. 4 At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn’t see who he was. 5 He called out, “Fellows, have you caught any fish?” “No,” they replied. 6 Then he said, “Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you’ll get some!” So they did, and they couldn’t haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

### John 21:7-14

7 Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. 8 The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards[a] from shore. 9 When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread. 10 “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus said. 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn’t torn. 12 “Now come and have some breakfast!” Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. 13 Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish. 14 This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

### Acts 1:1-11 The Promise of the Holy Spirit and the Return of Jesus

1 In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. 3 During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God. 4 Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. 5 John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” The Ascension of Jesus 6 So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” 7 He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” 9 After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. 10 As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

**Holy Spirit:** God’s Spirit. Lives within all Christians to help them, communicate God’s truth to them, convict them of sin, convince them that God’s ways are right, empower them to obey Jesus and comfort them when sad.

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