

Why might it be hard at times to accept Christ's sovereign purposes for our life and ministry?

7 Timeless Lessons in John's Epic Epilogue

Last Sunday we saw:

6) **Following Christ Closely & Personal Suffering is Often \_\_\_\_\_ Together.**

(John 21:18-19; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 2 Timothy 3:12; Acts 14:22; 2 Timothy 2:1-13)

7) **It's Christ's Sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ to Do With  
Us Whatsoever He Deems \_\_\_\_\_.**

Will I trust the Lord Jesus Christ and obey God's Word, come what may? (note Luke 22:42)

In order for us to embrace His perfect will for our life/ministry, we need to remember:

A) Who \_\_\_\_\_ Is AND

B) Who \_\_\_\_\_ in Relation to Him.

**John 21:21**- *Lord, and what about this man?*

When is comparing yourself with others fruitful (Hebrews 11; 13:7; 2 Tim. 3:5) and when might it be unwise and unhelpful?

*To help you apply God's Word this week, please review the questions/verses/songs on page 3.*

**For Further Reflection:** *Lord help us to be doers of the Word and not just sermon connoisseurs*

How were you encouraged, challenged, and/or convicted today? What do you want to study further as a result of listening to today's message?

After listening to years of sermons through the Gospel of John, recap some of your major takeaways? What has the Lord taught you? How has He used His Word (in John) and weekly exposure to the radiant glories of Christ to help you become more like Jesus?

Concerning today's exposition of John 21:20-25; why and when might it be hard at times to accept Christ's sovereign purposes for our life and ministry? For assistance look at the verses listed on p. 4 under Lesson 6 (which Christ established before lesson 7)

Will I submit my will/desires to God's? (Luke 22:39-45). Will I trust Christ and obey God's Word, come what may?

In order for us to embrace His perfect will for our life/ministry, we need to remember who Christ is and Who we are (dear Believer) in Relation to Him. Explain what this quote means and how it applies to our everyday lives. Provide a few examples of this concept in the NT Scriptures.

Think back to what was established at the beginning of our expository journey of John. Review the chart on page 4. Which facet of your walk was impacted the most during these expositions of John? Explain.

Review the 6 vitally important lessons from the past few expositions of John 21 (*see next page*). Which of the 6 lessons stood out the most to you? Why/How so?

What songs/hymns came to mind while listening to today's exposition? Hymn- "Day by Day"; "Christ Our Wisdom" (Sovereign Grace). Hymn- "Whatever My God Ordains Is Right" Hymn- "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" and many others.

**John 21:21-** *Lord, and what about this man?* When is comparing yourself with others fruitful (Hebrews 11; 13:7; 2 Tim. 3:5) and when might it be unwise and unhelpful?

**A Christ-centered sermon from John’s Gospel is inherently practical and ought to impact at least one of the five facets of faith:**

<b>1) Our Worship</b>	<i>As we see and savor Christ for who He truly is!</i>  (John 4:23-24)
<b>2) Our Progressive Sanctification</b>	<i>As we in faith behold His glory, we should become increasingly Christ-like!</i>  (2 Cor. 3:18-19; 2 Pet. 1)
<b>3) Our Core Doctrine</b>	<i>As we more firmly embrace the Person, Work, and Words of Christ!</i>  (2 Cor. 10-11)
<b>4) Our Apologetics</b>	<i>As we more effectively defend the biblical Jesus in a world full of lies and many counterfeit Christs!</i>  (Jude 3-4; 1 Peter 3:15; 2 Cor. 10:3-4)
<b>5) Our Evangelism</b>	<i>As we recount John’s mountain of gospel evidence with those who’ve yet to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ!</i>  (Rom. 10:9-14; Col. 4:3-4; John 3:16-36; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:18-21)

**6 Vitally Important Lessons from John 21:1-25**

*This epic epilogue underscores:*

1) The Historical Veracity of Christianity’s Most Important Miracle. Namely, we worship and serve a risen Savior (*Jn 21:1-2, 14; Rom. 1:4; 1 Cor. 15:1f*). Jesus is alive and well!

2) The Futility of our Efforts Apart From Christ. (*John 21:3; John 15:1f; Matt. 4:18-20*)

3) Our Compassionate God Meets All off our Needs According to His Glorious Riches in Christ.  
(*John 21:4-14; Phil. 4:19; Eph. 3:16-21; 1 Pet. 5:5; Heb. 13:8; Lam. 3:22f*)

4) The Supreme Requirement for Christian Service is Genuine Love for and Devotion to Christ.  
(*John 21:15a; 16a; 17a; 14:15-24; Eph. 6:24; Mt. 22:37; Rev. 2:1-5*)\_

5) The God of Second Chances Extends Grace Upon Grace to the Penitent & Brokenhearted.  
  
(*John 21:15-25; Ps. 32; Ps. 51; 1 John 1:9*)

6) Following Christ Closely and Personal Suffering is Often Tethered Together  
  
(*John 21:18-19; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 2 Timothy 3:12; Acts 14:22; 2 Timothy 2:1-13*)

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