

## The Lord Is Looking For Us

**John 13:31–38 (ESV) — (31)** When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. **(32)** If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. **(33)** Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ **(34)** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. **(35)** By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” **(36)** Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.” **(37)** Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” **(38)** Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

**John 18:18 (ESV) — (18)** Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

**John 21:1–19 (ESV) — (1)** After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. **(2)** Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. **(3)** Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. **(4)** Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. **(5)** Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” **(6)** He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. **(7)** That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. **(8)** The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. **(9)** When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. **(10)** Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” **(11)** So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. **(12)** Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. **(13)** Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. **(14)** This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. **(15)** When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” **(16)** He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of

John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." **(17)** He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. **(18)** Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." **(19)** (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

### I) The Disciples Were Recruited To Be "Fishers Of Men."

Matthew 4:19 (NIV) — **(19)** "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

### II) A Reminder By A Fire.

### III) Let Us Learn From A Riddle.

1 Corinthians 3:2–3 (ESV) — **(2)** I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, **(3)** for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

Hebrews 5:12–13 (ESV) — **(12)** For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, **(13)** for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.

2 Peter 2:2 (ESV) — **(2)** And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed.

John 21:18–19 (The Message) — **(18)** I'm telling you the very truth now: When you were young you dressed yourself and went wherever you wished, but when you get old you'll have to stretch out your hands while someone else dresses you and takes you where you don't want to go." **(19)** He said this to hint at the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. And then he commanded, "Follow me."