

Follow: Jesus on the Shore

When we read the story of Jesus meeting the disciples on the shore in John 21, we learn that even after seeing him twice, Jesus' own disciples still don't recognize him. We too have moments like that today, when we don't recognize God or what he's up to in his world. The disciples' story helps us recognize that Jesus is there in the ordinary and that he's willing to fellowship with us right where we're at. As we observe his interaction with Peter specifically, we realize that Jesus' command is consistent from the beginning of his ministry—follow me. So just as Peter's faith in his risen Lord and Savior grew, so too can we cultivate our faith when our focus stays on the resurrected Jesus, our hope, and his simple command for us to follow him.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- How do you think you would have reacted to seeing the resurrected Jesus? What do you imagine you would have done after seeing him?
- What do you think it means to follow Jesus?



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READ [John 21](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- In segment 1, hosts Scott Hoezee and Darrell Delaney observe that the post-resurrection story in [John 21](#) reflects events from a story at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, in [Luke 5](#). Can you think of any other instances like this in the Bible where one scripture reflects another scripture? Why do you think these occurrences are valuable to note? What can we learn from them?
- Is it encouraging to you that Jesus meets Peter where he is at? Think about your faith life right now. Where are you at? How are you hearing Jesus' invitation to fellowship?
- What is Jesus calling you to do right now, where you are? What distracts you from following him and following his command?
- In what ways do you think you are like Peter in this passage ([John 21](#))? How do you think you are different from Peter?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Luke 5:1-11](#), [Matthew 4:18-22](#), [Luke 22:24-34, 54-62](#), [Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75](#), [Mark 14:27-31, 66-72](#), [John 13:31-38](#), [John 18:15-27](#), [John 17](#)

CONCLUSION

In segment 3, Darrell and Scott discuss the end of John 21, when Peter asks Jesus about the other disciple and Jesus instructs Peter to instead focus on following him.

- Why do you think we have a hard time focusing on Jesus?
- Are there times, situations, or circumstances in which you find yourself more easily distracted from following Jesus?

Before closing the episode, Scott and Darrell also discuss how we can help each other and support each other as the body of Christ, as we follow Jesus and share the gospel message.

- How do you think we can be both communal and focused on Jesus?

Close your time of reflection in prayer.

- Pray for the Holy Spirit's help making you aware of distractions and drawing you back to faithfully following Jesus.
- Pray for your spiritual community: give thanks for those that support you or ask God to bring people around you for support. Ask God who he is calling you to support, in community, as you follow Jesus.

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