# The risen Jesus 6 John 21:15-25 The miracle within

# John 21

## Many important things in this chapter

### What will our resurrection bodies be like? (9-15)

### When will the return of Christ be? (18)

### What is the purpose of Scripture? (25)

### What are the powers and limitations of church leaders? (15-17, 21,22)

### The Omniscience of Christ (17)

### The power of Christ's prayers (15-17)

## Two main themes in this section

### What happens when Christians fail

### What to do with rumours

# When Christians fail

## John writing to a persecuted church

### To those who think they have committed the unforgivable sin

### To those who think that they are on God's scrap-heap

## We find Jesus confronting the issue

### Peter is asked 3 times because he denied 3 times

#### This is an emotion filled interaction

## The aim is RESTORATIVE

# God restores

## The whole of the Bible teaches this

### The cross is the ultimate lesson in what it costs to bring people home

## But being brought home does not give rights

### Being restored does not give you the right to be in charge or run anyone else’s life

# God inspired the gospels

## By the time John wrote his gospel there were myths mixed in with the truth about Jesus

### But Jesus only needed the truth

## John wrote his gospel so that his readers might believe the truth about Jesus and through it they might have life

### The rumour of him not dying before the return of Christ was met head on

# Going forward

## When we do meet with Christ after a fall He still invites us to join Him in His work

### He comes to us in our failures and causes us to rise and rely on Him

### He rehabilitates for service

## The question is NOT ‘have you followed Jesus’ but ‘are you following Him’?

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Jesus following His own teaching

## Read Mt 18:15 next to Jn 21:15-19

### How did Jesus show Peter his fault?

### Why didn’t Jesus TELL Peter his fault?

#### What’s the difference?

##### What lessons can we learn in confronting those who sin against us?

## Read John 4:4-26

### How did Jesus show the woman she was a ‘sinner’?

### Why didn’t Jesus tell her?

##### What lessons can we learn in confronting those who sin?

#### Is it the church’s job to confront every sinner or only those who want something from us?

## The aim of the teaching is to ‘win the heart of the person’ (to reconcile)

### Jesus’ teaching can be summed up in 3 statements:

#### You (the person hurt) go

#### In private (love covers a multitude of sins)

#### To reconcile (attitude of restoration not confrontation)

### How does this approach preserve ‘community’?

#### Why do we have a habit of not following this?

# Scotching rumours

## John writes this gospel as an old man and, most believe, after Peter’s death

### How would this rumour of him living until the return of Christ undermine the faith community if it were left to run?

#### How did John scotch it?

##### Did he just dismiss it?

###### Explain your answer

# Jesus did many other things

## Not only in the gospels and in the early church but in people’s lives

### What incidents can you personally add that says ‘Jesus is alive today’? – share one or two!