

# JESUS IS.

A SERIES IN JOHN

**Series: Jesus Is (65)**

**Title: Follow Me. Don't Get Distracted.**

**Scripture: John 21:20-25**

## 2024 Memory Verses:

**Theme Verse:** *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.”* **John 13:34–35 ESV**

**June:** *“Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.””* **John 20:29 ESV**

4 Themes throughout John's Gospel: Jesus is LORD, LIGHT, LOVE, & LIFE

Why did John write the Gospel of John?

- A. To show that Jesus is fully God and fully man. (John 1:1-5, 14)
- B. That you may BELIEVE that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and have eternal life by believing. (John 20:31)

1. Jesus has been crystal clear about who He is.

- 1) I AM. (John 8:58, 24, 28) - ἐγὼ εἰμὶ
- 2) I am the Bread of Life. (John 6:35, 41, 51)
- 3) I am the Light of the World. (John 8:12)
- 4) I am the Door. (John 10:7, 9)
- 5) I am the Good Shepherd. (John 10:11, 14)
- 6) I am the Resurrection and the LIFE. (John 11:25-26)
- 7) I AM the True Vine. The True Vine is the Real Savior. (John 15:1, 5)

2. Jesus has done and is doing more than enough for us. (John 21:1-19)

- Jesus asked them to be honest. (v. 5)
- Jesus instructed them. (v. 6)
- Jesus met their need before they even knew they had a need. (v. 9)
- Jesus invited them to come to Him. (vs. 10, 12)
- Jesus addressed their LOVE & motivation. (vs. 15-17: “do you love me”)
- Jesus reminded them of their purpose. (vs. 15-17: “Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my sheep”)
- Jesus told Peter his future. (v. 18)
- Jesus invited Peter to follow Him. (v. 19)

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3. We tend to complicate our simple and straightforward belief.

- 1) We take our eyes off of Jesus. (v. 20)
  - a) We focus on ourselves, others, or obstacles.
- 2) We compare ourselves to others. (v. 21)
  - a) To justify our sin.
  - b) To justify our unforgiveness.
  - c) To justify our disobedience.
  - d) To justify not following Jesus.

*“If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. If you look at God you'll be at rest.” —Corrie ten Boom*

- 3) We look for hidden meanings and forsake the basics. (vs. 22-23)
- 4) We doubt the authority of Scripture. (vs. 24; 2 Peter 1:20-21)
- 5) We are enamored with knowledge beyond the Scriptures that God has provided. (v. 25; Matt. 22:29; 1 Tim. 1:3-7)

4. We must simply believe and follow Jesus.

- 1) We fix our eyes on Jesus. (Heb. 12:1-2; John 12:26)
- 2) We love and encourage one another. (John 13:34-35; Heb. 10:22-25)
  - a) The best way is humble sacrificial service. (John 13:15)
- 3) We devote ourselves to the clear teaching of God's Word. (Acts 2:42; 2 Tim. 4:4-16)
- 4) We trust the authority of Scripture. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
- 5) We are enamored with hearing the Holy Spirit speak through the regular exposition of the Scriptures that God has provided. (John 5:39; Luke 24:27)

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