

You Follow Me!
John 21:20-25

Last Sunday: Peter's Restoration

Today: The Gospel of John ends the same way it began: "Follow Me."

21:21 - "Lord, what about this man?" Literally, "Lord, but this man, what?"

Does Peter's question reveal his love for John, his comparing himself with John, or Peter's curiosity of God's plans for John?

- Peter's love for John:
 - They worked as partners in fishing (Mt. 4) and in ministry (Jn. 13; Acts 3-4).
- Peter comparing himself to John:
 - 1 Cor. 10:12 – "Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding."
 - 1 Cor. 4:7 – "What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?"
- Peter's curiosity of God's plans for John:
 - Dan. 12:8-9 – "I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, 'O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?' He said, 'Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end.'"
 - Dt. 29:29 – "The secret things belong to the Lord, our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."

21:25 - "Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written"

This statement can be taken in one of two ways:

1. Hyperbole: an exaggerated statement not to be taken literally.
2. An accurate statement: "The ever-lengthening bibliography of Jesus" (NET).