



Week 1

Answering the Right Questions for Christianity

John 21:1-17

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. ⁶He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. ⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." ¹⁷The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

1. Is Christ the _____ of your life?

- Jesus asks the right question, "Do you _____?"
- The _____ for God's blessing, a _____ of heaven, and a _____ to help those less fortunate are not strong enough motives to sustain us in this journey to Christ-likeness.
- Until you fall in love with Christ, _____ will never _____.

Cultural Christianity values belief in Jesus over love of Jesus.

Love Test

1. Are you growing in your _____ for _____? (Matthew 5:43-44, 46)
2. Can you go throughout a day without _____ of the _____?
3. Does _____ break your heart?
4. Would you enjoy _____ if Christ were not there?
5. Do you feel drawn out in _____ for _____?
6. Do you find yourself doing things which you certainly would not do except for _____?
7. When someone speaks irreverently of Him does it cause you _____?

Love Dare:

- Would you _____ a _____ with Christ for the next seven days? (Matthew 6:21)
 - Would you make a list this week of what you _____ and what you _____ because of Him? (II Corinthians 5:14 and Romans 12:1-2)
2. Is Christ _____ in your life?

Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Cultural Christians want Jesus in their lives, just not leading their lives.

- Idolatry is moving Jesus to the _____.
- Idolatry is anything other than God that becomes _____ in your life. (Ezekiel 16:8-15)
- We act like someone who chooses _____ over _____ with God.
- Loving anything more than Christ is ultimately neglecting the _____ of your _____.

What would it look like in your life to move Jesus from the back seat to the front seat?