

Truth is that the most “flashy” people can be awful Christians yet have quite a following

(Vs 4-14) Here we see the results of a “self-directed” life. They had “no meat” and when they got back to Jesus, He had all they needed. (Vs12)

Many Christians have “Gone fishing” and Jesus is on the shore saying “Come and dine”... not nibble, not fish for minimum return. **Come and Dine!**

### **Saturday- Sunday** (Vs 15-25)

I want to focus on Vs 15-17. Remember; Peter had boasted of his love for Jesus. Here Jesus puts His finger into Peter’s heart.

There are two words for love in Greek (the language Jesus is speaking here) 1. Agape = a deep abiding love (*Commanded in Deut 6:5*). 2. Phileo = a fondness. Understanding these words makes this conversation with Peter make more sense.

(Vs 15-16) During these 2 verses Jesus is asking him if he “agape’s” Him. Peter consistently replies that he “phileo’s” Him.

(Vs 17) Here Jesus uses Peter’s word and asks “Are you even fond of me?” Peter was crushed, but more importantly he was motivated to fall in love with Jesus again!

Jesus was telling Peter to get his love right. Not a passing fondness, but a deep abiding love that is greater than any other “love”

How is your “love” for Jesus? Is it a “Agape” love, or a “Phileo” The greatest sin of mankind is we do not love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and mind. (Mark 12:30) This is worth taking two days over ☺

## **Daily Devotions-Week 6**

*(The Gospel according to John)*

### **Monday:** John 18:1-18

This is a story that brings mixed emotions. I am thankful that Christ went to the cross, but I cringe to know that it was my sin that placed Him there.

(Vs 1-2) Jesus spent much time alone in prayer. He chose to be betrayed and arrested where He spent much time in prayer.

(Vs 10-11) This is so fitting of Peter. He was the brash one, the guy who was always spouting off. Previously; Peter had professed his willingness to die for Christ (John 13:37) I believe he meant it as evidenced here. The disciples almost went to war this night ( Luke 22:49-50) Peter didn’t wait for any command... he just started swinging. God uses the most rough uncultured traits when they are yielded to Him. Peter’s life shows this.

(Vs 15-18) Peter and “the other disciple” (John) followed afar off . John got in to see the proceedings, but Peter stayed outside Matthew 26:58 tells us he went to see “the end.” Little did he know.... It was just the beginning!

### **Tuesday:** John 18:19-40

This portion bears witness to what some would call a travesty of justice. The “trial” is in two parts, 1. Before the Jewish Council. 2. Before the Roman government.

(Vs 25-27) During this “trial” we see the fulfillment of Jesus’ prophecy in John 13:37-38. Mark 14:72 records his grief and shame.

Let us never assume we are immune from falling into sin or doing anything wrong. Everybody can fall!

(Vs 28-40) Here we see the Roman part of His trial. Pilate knew He was faultless (Vs 38) I don't think he knew how right he was!

Notice Vs 40. Jesus was literally traded for a robber and a murderer (Mark 15:7) How fitting! How unjust yet what a picture of His whole reason for coming to this vile earth! Read 1Peter 3:18 and think upon our Saviour!

**Wednesday:** John 19: 1-42

What can I write to convey the utter awe of this day! What a contradiction occurred here. God allowed Himself to be delivered into the hands of cavalier soldiers who made "sport" of Him. Yet He loved them!

(Vs 25-27) Note who was at the cross that day, the three Mary's (The mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene (*See Luke 8:2*) and the author of this book; John. (*John had a special relationship with the Lord, it was close and personal*) One must ask; "Where were the multitudes He healed?" Where were all the people Jesus helped?" The answers are many, but the truth is Jesus came to serve God not win the approval of man!

(Vs 31-37) Vs 34 is often used to show that Jesus died of a broken heart. The anguish of the cross was both physical and spiritual. This is what prompted the cry of Mark 15:34

(Vs 38-42) In these verses we see two distinguished men. Joseph of Arimaethaea and Nicodemus (of John 3) It appears Nicodemus is saved, it is never stated in scripture but this act of burying Jesus was no doubt perilous and considerable risk was taken to bury our Lord's body, I cannot help but think he had believed on the Lord.

What can we say of this day, it is a monumental day; I was judged on this day and if you are a believer you were judged that day as well. Because of this we are free of sin's power and delivered unto righteousness!

**Thursday:** John 20: 1-31

This passage records the early morning hours of the Resurrection morning (Probably April 18th A.D. 33)

(Vs 1-10) Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early that morning. To her surprise the door was open. She went and got Peter and John who ran to see ("John the beloved" outran Peter Vs 4) They did not think He had risen... they probably thought this was some conspiracy... Peter and John left (Peter might have went to get his sword 😊)

(Vs 11-18) Mary stayed at the tomb and Jesus appeared to her.... What a wonderful thing this must have been! Let's think of who Mary was.... She was a woman saved out of a wicked past life. Yet the ground is level at the cross and Jesus appeared FIRST to her!

(Vs 19-23) That night we see the disciples began the practice we still hold today and that is meeting on Sunday evening. During this service a "visitor" came. (Vs 19)

(Vs 24-31) Thomas was not with the disciples the first time Jesus appeared and he was a doubter... hence the title "Doubting Thomas" Can you imagine of all the services to miss, he missed that one. You never know what God is going to do.... If you are not there; you miss it. We should strive to be faithful to Church.

Jesus did come the next Sunday to church (Vs 26) Thomas did believe and we have his statement that Jesus DID NOT reject (Vs 28)

**Friday:** John 21:1-14

Peter here decides to go fishing. He was not just going fishing. He was going back to his old life. Notice others went with him (Vs3) Peter was not the best disciple, but he was the most influential, even John went with him.