



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **John 21:9-19 Study Hints for Discussion**

#### **[Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further](#)**

are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

#### **1. How many times did Jesus appear to His disciples?**

We do not know how many times Jesus appeared to His disciples over the forty days of His appearing. The Gospel of John records three of the times Jesus appeared to His disciples. John said that it was the third appearance of Jesus that he was recording in his gospel.

#### **2. What fish did Jesus use to feed His disciples?**

Before they came ashore, Jesus had fish on a fire that He had created “out of nothing;” then, the fish that He told the disciples to bring to Him. He also gave them bread that

He had not baked, but had created “out of nothing,” but His own creative word that created the world.

### **3. What do these verses tell us about Christians who sin being given another opportunity to serve Jesus?**

Christians who sin can be given another opportunity to serve Jesus on Jesus’ terms, but perhaps in a different way than previously. Peter and Paul had both sinned grievously before Jesus called them to be Apostles.

### **4. What did Jesus ask of Peter before He restored him as an apostle?**

He asked Peter to love Him. One type of love required Peter to love Jesus as his Friend. The other type of love is a higher type of love, a loving of Jesus with all one’s heart, mind, soul and strength, a love that is willing to sacrifice oneself in obedience to Jesus Christ as our God, Lord, and Savior to care for and meet the real needs of Jesus’ people (His sheep) as Jesus leads and provides.

### **5. What type of love has Jesus shown for His people (His sheep)?**

Jesus has shown a sacrificial love for His sheep by teaching them the truth in the most difficult of circumstances, by suffering, dying, being buried and rising again to save sinners from their sins and grant them eternal life if they believe in Him as their Lord and Savior.

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