



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **Praying Through John 21:1-8**

Lord Jesus, in Your love and grace, You showed yourself alive and risen from the dead as a glorified human being, as the Son of God, as the Word of God made flesh, and as the Creator of the world. In deep humility, You appeared to Your disciples in an Upper Room when they were hiding for fear that they might be arrested because they were Your disciples. In great humbleness, You appeared to some of Your disciples as they were coming back to shore after failing to catch any fish on the Sea of Tiberias. Your great efforts in their behalf and our behalf demonstrates Your deep love for us despite our sin and sometimes our fear to admit that we hope to be among Your good and faithful servants, among those who call You their Savior and Lord, among those who call You their Friend. Forgive us for our failures and our sins of omission and commission. Please cleanse us from all unrighteousness with Your shed blood. We do not understand the full meaning of the deepest teachings in Your Word written, the Bible, but we do understand enough to trust in You, to trust our very lives and our eternal future to You. Please help us obey You in every specific way possible, even as the disciples cast their net on the right side of their boat rather than the left. Please help us call to You for help to do Your will, even as You helped the disciples haul their net full of fish ashore without a word or even lifting Your hand. Please help us rely upon You to meet all our needs, even as You created a breakfast out of nothing to feed them as they obeyed You. Help us follow You faithfully as they learned to do. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

**Please Note:** I first learned about “Praying Through the Bible” from Edith Schaeffer, the wife of Francis Schaeffer. You might like to close your class with the above prayer as a way of beginning to teach your class how they too can pray through the Bible. First, you might like to teach your class how to pray through the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* each week. [Perhaps some of them would learn how to pray through portions of the Bible during their daily Bible reading and quiet time.] Second, a week in advance, perhaps some of your students would like to write their own “Prayer Through the Bible” using the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* and read their prayer at the close of class. Third, eventually, your students will be able to pray through the Bible without needing to write their prayer in advance before they pray at the end of class. If you would like to learn more about prayer from Edith Schaeffer, read [\*How God Teaches Us to Pray: Lessons from the Lives of Francis and Edith Schaeffer\*](#), Kindle Edition, by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

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