



## Many Other Things

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### TODAY'S READING: John 21

In the first section of John 21 (verses 1-3), we have a picture of what can be called “a night of defeat.” It is followed in verses 4-17 by what can be called “a morning of decision,” and ultimately in verses 18-25, “a day of dedication.” In this amazing chapter that tells how Jesus restored and reinstated Peter to His ministry, I am drawn to the last verse in John’s gospel. *“Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written”* (John 21:25).

John wanted his readers to know that he had just begun to tell the story. The words and works of Jesus were much greater than what was recorded in his gospel, the other gospels, or the entire Bible. This verse communicates how the world is not able to contain all the revelation about the Word made flesh. Much about Jesus’ childhood, family, teenage years and His early adult life are simply unrevealed. And there were certainly many “other things” done by our Lord which the Holy Spirit chose not to have the inspired four Gospel writers record, such as, how the miraculous operations were done by Him. For example, John began his gospel by telling us that “All things were made by him.” If one were to attempt to even describe the process for the works of the creation and His sovereignty, the world itself could not contain the resulting volumes!

While we may wish at times that scripture would give us more details about some things (such as Luke 24:27), we must trust that the Lord gave us all that we need for life and godliness. His Word is sufficient for us to come to salvation and to grow in holiness. We need to work at applying the Scripture that we do have, not meaningless discussions on Scripture that we do not have! Instead of being curious to learn of the “many other things” which Jesus did during His earthly ministry that were *not* recorded in scripture, we need to be devoted to learning the “many other things” about what Jesus said and did that *are* recorded in scripture.

**PRAYER:** Father, give us grace to not focus on the “many other things” not in Scripture and instead, focus and seek the words and works of Christ that are revealed in scripture. Help us daily to better know Christ, serve Christ and proclaim Christ.

### TOMORROW'S READING: 1 John 1

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