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JESUS' LAST WORDS

Message Notes

Last words are often the most important words. Few people waste their breath when they know their time is limited...

Text: John 21:1-17

(Overview of Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 23-24 & John 20)

1. Jesus Loves Food

The New Testament church was founded at a meal – and that's the way it continued. In fact, every major event after the crucifixion happened at a meal!

Jesus proved He was really resurrected by eating food
Acts 10:41, *"He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen - by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead."*

Jesus restored the disciples at a meal
"Come and have breakfast" (John 21:12-13)

Jesus gave the great commission at a meal
Mark 16:14-16, *"Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating...He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."*

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit at a meal
Acts 1:4-5, *"On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."*

2. Jesus Loves Fellowship

Fellowship comes from Old English word meaning *"one who puts down money (in a joint venture)"*

The disciples were fruitless on their own

"That night they caught nothing..."

"Apart from me you can do nothing" – John 15

They became fruitful when Jesus turned up

He 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" (153)

Jesus already had breakfast cooking

"When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread."

Jesus asked them to bring some of their fish

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

1 Cor. 3:9, *"We are co-workers in God's service"*

3. Jesus Loves Forgiveness

Peter had denied Jesus three times and now Jesus asks him three times if he loves him "more than these" (fish / fishing)

"Feed my lambs."

"Take care of my sheep."

"Feed my sheep."
