

“Mind Your Own Business”

INTRODUCTION: “*Post-Resurrection*” appearances of Jesus ...

40 days between resurrection & ascension – **John 21:18-23**

21:18-19a – Loving Jesus would “*cost*” Peter – **21:17**

- He would be taken captive and killed for his faith.

21:19 – Peter’s life and death would “*glorify*” God.

- God wants us to **FOCUS** on Him – Psalm 50:15, 1 Peter 4:16

- God will use whatever it takes, for us to “*glorify*” Him.

- God is “*glorified*” when we look to Him for all our needs.

21:19b – Peter said he was willing to “*follow*” Jesus – John 13:37

- Following Jesus isn’t always **EASY** – Matthew 10:38

Matthew 16:24 – **FOLLOWING** Jesus means ... “*deny yourself*” ...

“*take up your cross*” ... the “*cross*” meant death, crucifixion.

- What needs to be “*crucified*” in your life? Rom. 8:13, Col. 3:5

- What will it “*cost*” you to “*follow*” God?

21:20 – Peter turns the conversation to John.

21:21 – The rivalry between Peter & John ... Peter was competitive ...

21:7 ... 20:2-4

- Peter didn’t like coming in “*2nd place*” – Mark 10:41

- When we focus on other people, instead of focusing on Christ, we get into trouble ... jealousy.

21:22 – What God is doing in other people’s lives, is God’s business, and none of our business.

- God knows what He’s doing ... **TRUST** Him, **FOCUS** on Him.

21:23 – Rumors are easily spread ... **BE CAREFUL** with your tongue.

21:24 – Make sure your “*testimony is true*”.

CONCLUSION:

- Peter ended up “*following*” Jesus ... “***Follow Me!***”

1 Where does Christ want to **LEAD** you?

2 What does He want you to **CRUCIFY**?

- Don’t “*deny*” Him your love, your sins, or the “*glory*” that He’s due.