• A brief reminder:

²⁶ After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing." ²⁸ Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed." ³⁰ Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. John 20:26-31 NASB

- Jesus tells them..."stop being an unbeliever and get on with becoming a believer" (at the next level..)
- Jesus says..."Blessed and happy and to be envied are those who have never seen Me and yet have believed. (v29 AMPC)
 - This blessing applies to <u>ALL</u> of us!

⁸ And though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹ obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1:8-9 NASB

³⁰ There are also many other signs and miracles which Jesus performed in the presence of the disciples which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written (recorded) in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ (the Anointed One), the Son of God, and that through believing and cleaving to and trusting and relying upon Him you may have life through (in) His name [through Who He is]. John 20:30-31 AMPC

..."That we may have life through (in) His Name, through Who He is..." (v31 AMPC)

WHO HE IS

LORD JESUS CHRIST YOU ARE:
(Scripture confessions of praise about our Lord Jesus Christ)

You are the Head of All Things. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. In You, all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth. All things have been created through You and for You. You are before all things, and in You all things hold together. You are the Head of the Body, the Church. You are the first-born from the dead – so that You Yourself might have first place in all things. It was the Father's good pleasure for all fulness to dwell in You and through You to reconcile all things to Himself, whether in heaven or on earth. You are the Head over all rule and authority and in You we are made complete. (see Colossians 1:15-20; 2:10)

You are God. You are the Word. You were in the beginning. You were with God and You are God. He who has seen You has seen the Father. We believe You are in the Father and the Father in You.

(see John 1:1;14-9,11)

You are the Resurrection and the Life. Lord Jesus, You are the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in You shall live, even if he dies; and everyone who lives and believes in You shall never die. You are the One who lives and was dead; and behold, You are alive forevermore. Amen. You have the keys of hell and death. (see John 11:25-26, Revelation 1:18)

You Are the Only Mediator. Lord Jesus, You are the Only Mediator between God and man. After You made purification for our sins, You sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on-high. You are able to save forever those who draw near to God through You, since You live to make intercession for us.

(see 1 Timothy 2:5, Hebrews 1:3; 7:25)

You are King of Kings. Lord Jesus, You have been exalted by God and given a Name which is above every name, that at Your name ever knee should bow and every tongue shall confess that You are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. You are the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kinds and the Lord of lords. The kingdoms of this world will become Your throne, and You shall reign forever and ever. (see Philippians 2:9-11; 2 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 11:15)

21 After these things Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested Himself in this way. ² Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will also come with you." They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.

⁴ But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ So Jesus said to them, "Children, you do not have any fish, do you?" They answered Him, "No." ⁶ And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch." So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish. ⁷ Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped for work), and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net full of fish.

⁹ So when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal fire already laid and fish placed on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have now caught." ¹¹ Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples ventured to question Him, "Who are You?" knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the fish likewise. ¹⁴ This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead. John 21:1-14 NASB

- Jesus manifests Himself to His disciples. (v1)
 - Manifest...made known, revealed, made visible, made open...he let Himself be seen.
 - o The disciples fishing. (v2-11)
 - They fish all night and catch nothing.
 - Jesus tells them (they have not figured out that it is Him yet) to throw their net on the right side of the boat.
 - They take His advice, and they have a catch of fish that was beyond their ability to bring to shore.
 - John tells Peter... "It is the Lord!"
 - Peter gets dressed and jumps into the sea (not walking on the water!).

- Jesus already has fish cooking and bread ready for breakfast and He takes a few of the 153 fish they had caught and cooks them too.
- They had a full catch of fish (fish, not men) and they ate with Jesus.
 (v12-14)

¹⁵ So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My lambs." ¹⁶ He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Shepherd My sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep.

¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me!"

- ²⁰ Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; the one who also had leaned back on His bosom at the supper and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" ²¹ So Peter seeing him said to Jesus, "Lord, and what about this man?" ²² Jesus said to him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!" ²³ Therefore this saying went out among the brethren that that disciple would not die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but only, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?" ²⁴ This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true. ²⁵ And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written. John 21:15-25 NASB
 - Jesus says, "Even if I had him stay alive here until I return...what is that to you?"
 - He says to Peter..." You, follow Me!"

²³ So word went out among the brethren that this disciple was not going to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not going to die, but, If I want him to stay (survive, live) till I come, what is that to you? ²⁴ It is this same disciple who is bearing witness to these things and who has recorded (written) them; and we [well] know that his testimony is true. ²⁵ And there are also many other things

which Jesus did. If they should be all recorded one by one [in detail], I suppose that even the world itself could not contain (have room for) the books that would be written. John 21:23-25 AMPC

- Jesus did so much more than John could write down...there are unrecorded miracles, wonders, and wise teachings that came from the ministry of Jesus.
- Heaven will be alive with 'new' stories and 'new' testimonies about His goodness and greatness.
- John gave us so many things in the writings we call the Gospel of John.

One thing is for certain...John was the disciple that Jesus loved...and Jesus was the Savior that John loved...a most wonderful story that we can share in.