

III. **HUMBLE** YOURSELF AND **CONFESS** YOUR SIN
(21:7-17a)

A. Do not **cover** your sin.

“He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.”
Proverbs 28:13

B. Do **confess** your sin.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
I John 1:9

IV. **OBEY** JESUS AND **DO** HIS WILL (21:17b-25)

A. **“Feed** My sheep” (v17b)

“40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.”

41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.”
Acts 2:40-41

B. **“Follow** Me” (v 19b)

“For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.”
II Corinthians 10:12

Will You Believe And Find Forgiveness?

“but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”
John 20:31

“For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.”
Psalm 86:5

40 DAYS WITH JESUS
Believe & Find Forgiveness
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INTRODUCTION

A. After His resurrection Jesus spent **forty** days on the earth (Acts 1:3). During this time He made **ten** appearances.

Jesus’ Post-resurrection Appearances

- **To Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18; Mark 16:9-11).**
- To the women returning from the tomb (Matthew 28:8-10).
- To Peter later in the day (Luke 24:33-34; I Corinthians 15:5).
- To the disciples going to Emmaus in the evening (Luke 24:13-32).
- **To the apostles except Thomas (John 20:19-24; Luke 24:35-45).**
- **To the apostles a week later with Thomas present (John 20:24-29; Mark 16:14).**
- **In Galilee to the seven by the Lakes of Tiberias (John 21:1-25).**
- In Galilee on a mountain to the apostles and over 500 believers (I Corinthians 15:6; Matthew 28:16-20).
- At Jerusalem and Bethany again to James (I Corinthians 15:7).
- **At Olivet and the ascension (Acts 1:3-12; Luke 24:50-53).**

B. In this series you will discover what Jesus did on earth for 40 days after the Resurrection and what you will find when you believe in Jesus.

Mar 27	Believe & Find Life
Apr 3	Believe & Find Hope
Apr 10	Believe & Find Peace
Apr 17	Believe & Find Confidence
TODAY	Believe & Find Forgiveness
May 1	Believe & Find Power

C. **TEXT:** John 21:1-25 (Pew Bible/Pg.1069/New Test.)

HOW TO BELIEVE & FIND FORGIVENESS

I. NOBODY IS PERFECT...EVERYONE **SINS**

A. **Peter** sinned.

36 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward."

37 Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake."

38 Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times." John 13:36-38

"17 Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

18 Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself." John 18:17-18

25 Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not!"

26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?"

27 Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed." John 18:25-27

B. **We** will sin.

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23

"18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.

19 For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice." Rom. 7:18-19

II. GOD WILL **DISCIPLINE** YOU AS HIS CHILD (21:1-6)

A. Discipline **proves** salvation.

"5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;

6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives."

7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.

11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." Hebrews 12:5-11

B. Discipline **produces** blessing.

*"1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.
3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper."* Psalm 1:1-3