

Study Guide — Standing in Wonder

John 21:24–25

Big Idea: *The longer we walk with Jesus, the more reasons we discover to stand in wonder of His infinite glory, unfailing grace, and ongoing work in the world.*

1. Partake the Word (Receive & Feed)

Primary Passage

John 21:24–25 (CSB)

Key Supporting Passages

- Psalm 8:3–4 — Wonder at God’s majesty
- Isaiah 40:28–31 — The incomprehensible greatness of God
- Romans 11:33–36 — The depths of God’s wisdom
- Colossians 1:15–20 — The supremacy of Christ
- Revelation 5:11–14 — Eternal worship of the Lamb

Key Greek Words

μαρτυρέω (martureō) — “Testify” / “Bear Witness”

To testify, give evidence, or bear witness to what one has personally seen and experienced. John presents himself as an eyewitness of Christ.

ἀληθής (alēthēs) — “True”

Genuine, trustworthy, reliable, corresponding to reality. John’s testimony about Jesus can be trusted completely.

οἶμαι (oimai) — “I Suppose”

A thoughtful conclusion reached after careful reflection. John’s statement in verse 25 is the settled conclusion of a lifetime spent with Jesus.

Key Hebrew Word

יָרָא (yirah) — “Awe” / “Reverence”

A holy sense of wonder, reverence, and amazement before the greatness of God.

2. Probe the Word (Study & Examine)

I. The Witness of Christ Is Trustworthy

John was not sharing opinions or religious theories.

He was sharing what he had personally witnessed.

Reflection:

- Do I approach Scripture as trustworthy testimony or merely inspirational literature?

- How does John's eyewitness account strengthen my confidence in Christ?

II. The Word of Christ Is True

John declares that the testimony concerning Jesus is true.

Christ's promises remain trustworthy because Christ Himself is trustworthy.

Reflection:

- What promise of God am I currently struggling to believe?

- How has God's faithfulness been demonstrated in my life?

III. The Wonder of Christ Is Endless

John recorded an entire Gospel and still concluded there was infinitely more that could be said.

The finite mind cannot fully comprehend the infinite Christ.

Reflection:

- When was the last time I truly marveled at Jesus?

- Have I become familiar with Christ without remaining amazed by Him?

IV. Christ Continues His Work Today

The wonders of Jesus did not end when John's Gospel ended.

Christ continues to save, transform, strengthen, and sustain His people today.

Reflection:

- Where have I seen Jesus at work recently?

- How can I become more attentive to His activity around me?

3. Practice the Word (Live It Out)

This Week:

- Spend ten uninterrupted minutes each day simply reflecting on the character of Christ.
- Write down one evidence of God's faithfulness every day.
- Read one Gospel account this week and ask, "What should leave me in wonder here?"
- Share one testimony of God's goodness with another believer.
- Pray specifically for missionaries, pastors, and churches proclaiming Christ around the world.

4. Pray & Praise Him (Depend & Declare)

Lord Jesus,

Forgive me for the times I become distracted, familiar, and spiritually dull. Open my eyes once again to Your greatness. Help me marvel at Your grace, trust Your Word, and rejoice in Your ongoing work throughout the world. Keep my heart humble and amazed by who You are. May my life increasingly reflect the wonder that John experienced after a lifetime of walking with You.

In Your name I pray,

Amen.

Praise Jesus because:

- His glory cannot be exhausted.
- His grace cannot be measured.
- His Word remains true.
- His work continues today.
- His Gospel is still saving sinners.
- His kingdom continues advancing.
- His faithfulness never ends.
- He is worthy of endless wonder.