

“DO YOU LOVE ME? FEED MY SHEEP”

John 21:1–17

Key Verse: 21:15

1. To what does “Afterward” refer? (1a; 20:19–20, 26–29) Where did this event occur? (1b) Who was there? (2) What suggestion did Simon Peter give to the others, and what happened? (3) What was their problem?
2. When did the Risen Jesus visit his disciples? (4a) Why didn’t they recognize him? (4b) How did he greet them and restore their failure? (5–6) Of what did this remind Simon Peter? (5:4–6) Who recognized Jesus first? (7a) What did Simon Peter do and why? (7b) How successful was this second attempt at fishing? (6b,8,11)
3. Read verses 9–14. How did Jesus demonstrate his unconditional love for them? Why did Simon Peter need to experience such love? (18:17,25–27)
4. Read verse 15a. On whom did Jesus focus? What did he ask him? Why did he use the phrase “more than these”? (Mk14:29–31; 12:29–30)
5. Read verse 15b. What was Peter’s response? Why did he answer, “You know that I love you”? (17b) What did Jesus say is the way to truly love him? (15c,16c,17c)
6. Read verses 16–17. Why did Jesus ask Peter this same question three times? How does Jesus want us to express our love for him? How can we do this?