

- 1a In the Beginning – Love from Eternal Past  
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## 21 Do You Love Me?

# Gospel of John 5-28-23

21:16 Jesus said, "Simon ... Do You Love Me?"  
He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."  
Jesus said, "Feed My Sheep."



Love Feeds Dear Sheep

Christ Appears on the Shore of Lake Tiberias  
by James Tissot (1836–1902)

Last verse of this exquisite gospel is  
**John 21:25** Jesus did many other things  
If every one of them were written down,  
I suppose that even the

**Whole World**

would not have room for the books  
that would be written.

You, too, I suppose if you could take **ALL** into view

**No—not LIKE Christ, or in His Magnificence**

But even as a retiree w a slow schedule

**EVERY** day is *FILLED* with thoughts &

Prayers, Worries & Joys, Concerns &

**HOPES** for your heirs' **Good Will**





Sometimes we have  
to put on our  
**WAR FACE**



**Sometimes we  
have to  
Get Dirty**



**Let your Spirit Fly F r e e e e e e e**

**John 21 is about Peter, the Rock ... a Free Spirit**

**Peter ... from time to time ... has trouble containing ...**



**John 20:30** Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples ... not recorded in this book – *Last vs of Ch 20, LIKE last of Ch 21*

HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS					References in other books
F. The Risen Christ	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	
<div>Remember ... Matt. 28 Jesus told the disciples to go to Galilee ... Galilee Jesus gives the Great Commission ... so it appears Mark 16 ... after Great Commission, Christ Ascends to Heaven Luke ... in vicinity of Bethany, Jesus Ascends Acts 1, Jesus' last words &amp; ascension, Disciples return to Jerusalem John 21 opens on the Sea of Galilee ... Jesus' Fish Fry</div>					
252. His appearance to the eleven, Thomas present .....	.....	16:14-18	.....	20:26-29	.....
253. His appearance in Galilee .....	28:16-20	.....	.....	21:1-24	.....
254. The miraculous catch of Fish .....	.....	.....	.....	21:6	.....
255. His appearance to five hundred .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1Co 15:6
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257. His appearance at his ascension .....	.....	16:19-20	24:50-53	.....	Ac 1:4-9





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**1873 at the evening service ... on this catch of fish**

**They had toiled perseveringly ... not only at night  
they had toiled ... ALL the night.**

**From the ... moonlight until the Morning Star  
warned them of the Dawning of the New Day**

**They had toiled,  
yet they had taken NOTHING.**

**This teaches us that we may  
work for Christ,  
and try to win souls for him**



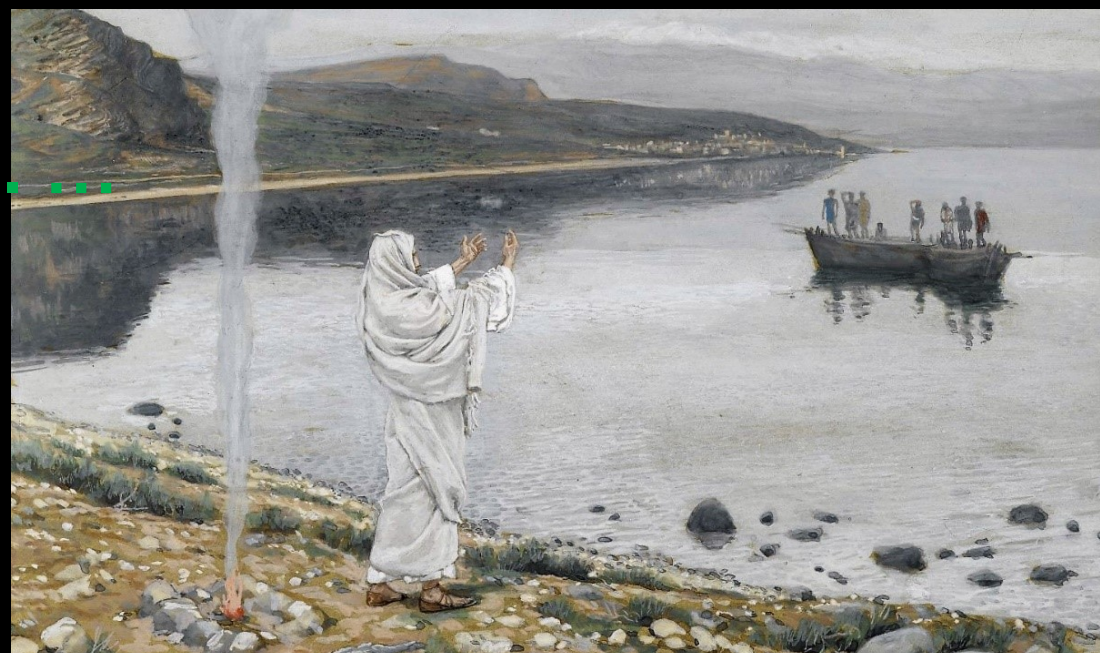


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1873 at the evening service ... on this catch of fish

and do that work at the Best Time,  
and in the Best Way,  
and even *persevere* in doing it,  
and yet be *unsuccessful*

We must be unsuccessful *IF*, like the disciples,  
we are laboring  
*without* the Master's presence. ...  
the turning-point was  
when the Master came



**Luke 24 - walk to Emmaus Appearance BEFORE Locked Room**  
**Near the END OF MATTHEW 28, Mark 16, Luke 24 ...**

**Jesus appears to disciples in Locked Room ...**

**Matthew, Mark, Luke give a form of the Great Commission**

**Matthew 28:16 Disciples go to “Galilee ... to the mountain”**

**Mathew 28:18-20 Jesus came to them and said,**

**“All authority in heaven & on earth has been given to me.**

**Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations,**

**baptizing them in the name of the Father &**

**the Son & Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey**

**everything I have commanded you.**

**And surely I am with you always,**

**to the very End of the Age.”**

**Mark 16:19-20 Jesus ascends ... Disciples preach everywhere**



**After Galilee – what was the trip like back to Jerusalem?**

**Luke 24:50** Jesus led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.

**Remember *Bethany*? ... Jesus' home away from home**

- ✓ Where he raised Lazarus ... had Last LOVING Meal
- ✓ Just East over the Mount of Olives ...

**Luke 24:51-53** While he was blessing them, he left them & was taken up into heaven. worshiped him ... returned to Jerusalem with great joy.... stayed at the temple, praising God.



*Jesus' Ascension to Heaven, 1775,  
by John Singleton Copley*





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**1775, by John Singleton Copley**



**Ascension of Christ**  
**1520, by Garofalo**



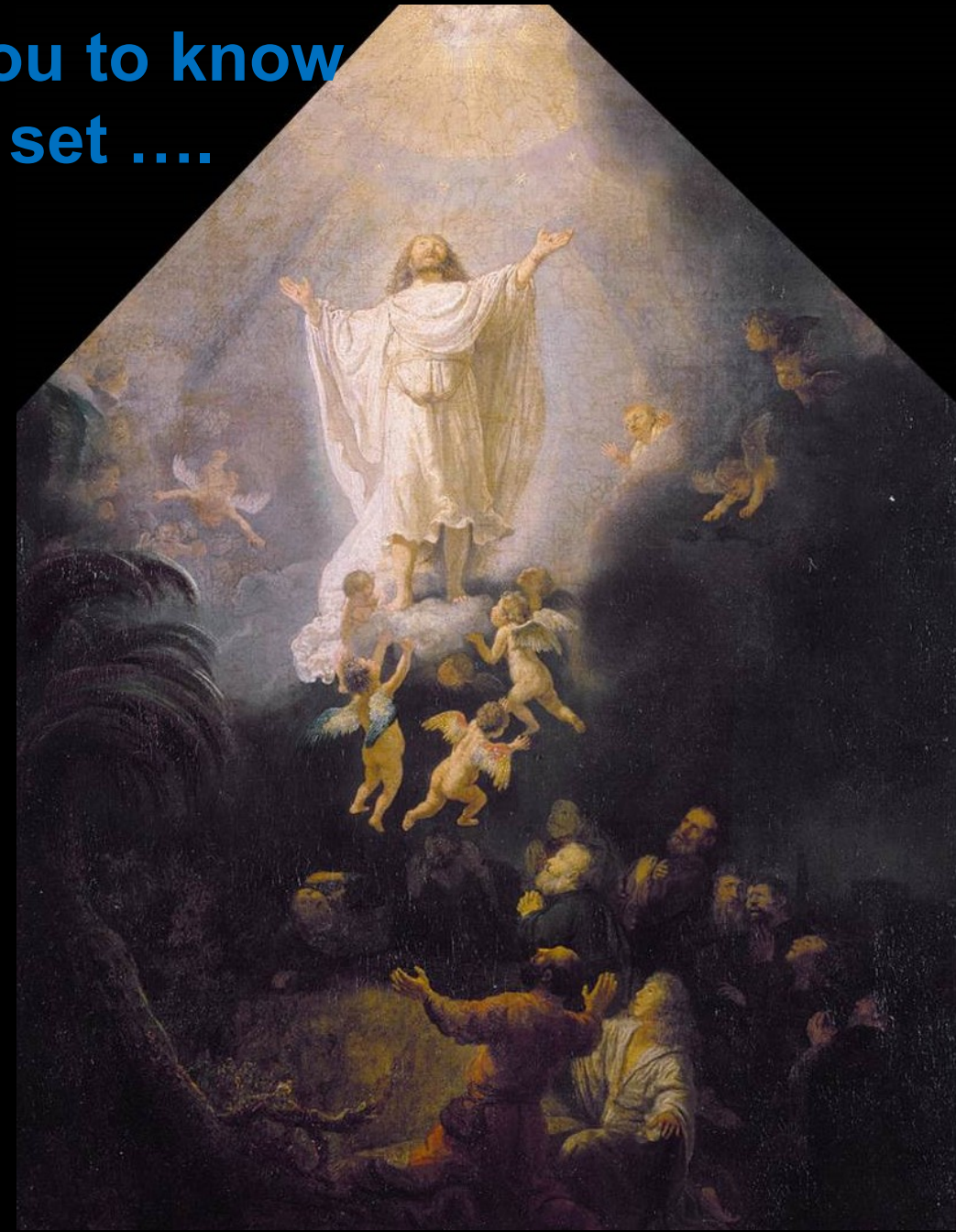


**Acts 1:7** Jesus said, “It is NOT for you to know the times or dates the Father has set ....

**8** But you will receive power ... witnesses in Jerusalem, all Judea and Samaria ... to the ENDS of the earth.”

**9** AFTER he said this, he was **TAKEN UP** before their very eyes and a CLOUD hid Jesus from their sight.

Ascension of Christ  
1636, by Rembrandt



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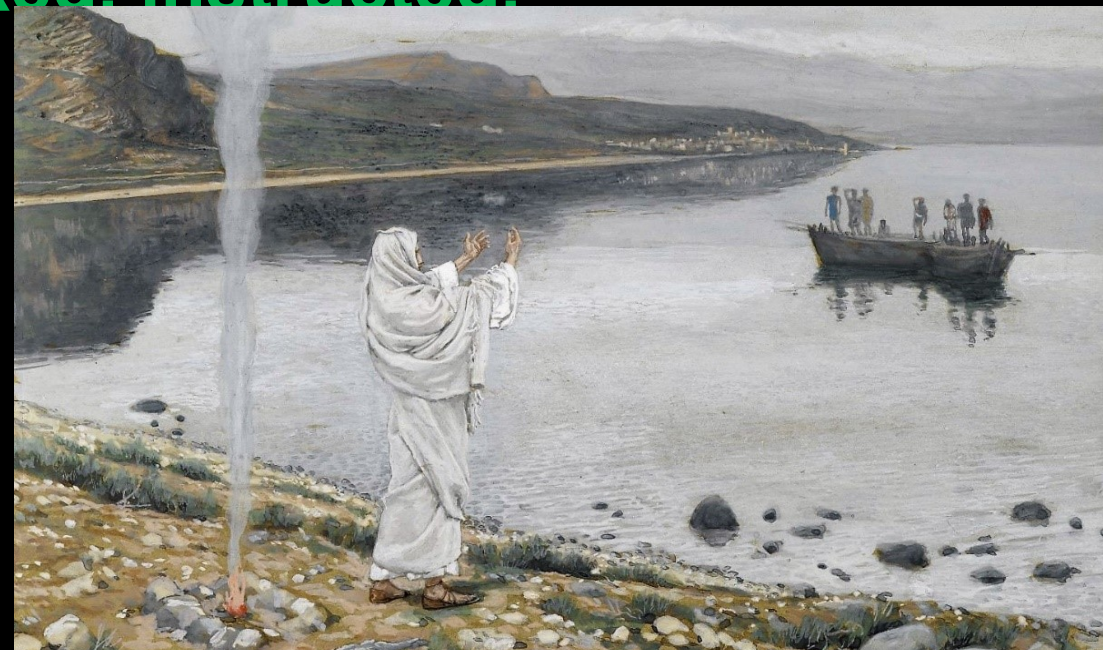
**Morning, Feb. 24, 1889 on John 21:12**

**Our Lord began this third manifestation of himself,  
not with prayer, but with provender.**

**Much had to be said & done;  
but they must breakfast first.**

**They were to be questioned, rebuked, instructed,  
commissioned, warned;  
but they must FIRST be fed**

**The essential thing that morning  
was a Fire of Coals, &  
Broiled Fish & Bread**





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Morning, Feb. 24, 1889 on John 21:12

for they must be put into good condition,  
and *THEN* they would be ready to hear  
what their Lord should say to them.

Things that were of prime importance  
must yet be kept back a little while,

until they could bear them  
and profit by them;

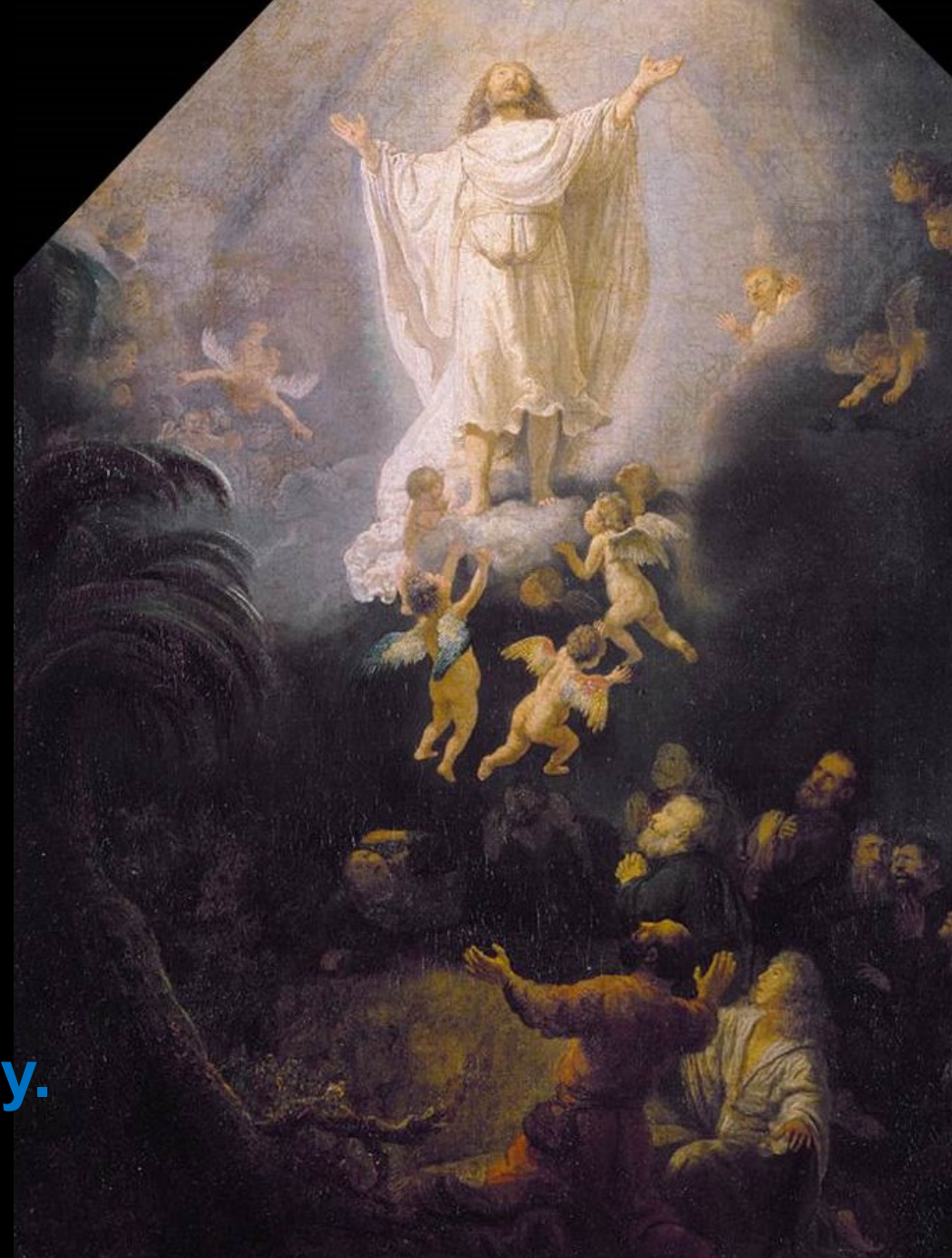
and that they could **NOT DO**  
while they were Cold & Hungry;  
hence Fire & Food



**Acts 1:10** LOOKING into sky,  
two men in white stood by

**11** “Men of Galilee, why ... are  
LOOKING into the sky?  
This same Jesus ...  
will come back in the  
**SAME WAY** you have  
seen him go into heaven.”

**12** Apostles returned to Jerusalem  
from the hill called  
Mount of Olives,  
a Sabbath day's walk from the city.





**John 20 closes with Jesus Appearing again to Thomas**

**20:30 Jesus performed many other signs in the  
presence of his disciples ... NOT recorded in this BOOK**

**John 21 picks up by Sea of Galilee**

**Therefore, Jesus' Galilee Fish Fry took place**

***BEFORE* his return Bethany**

**Mystery of Mysteries—why John left out the Christ's Ascension**

**Interestingly, seems like John 21 was added later to book**

**LAST vs. John 21:25 Jesus did many other things as well.**

**If every one of them were written down, I suppose that  
even the whole world would NOT have room for the**

**BOOKS that would be written.**

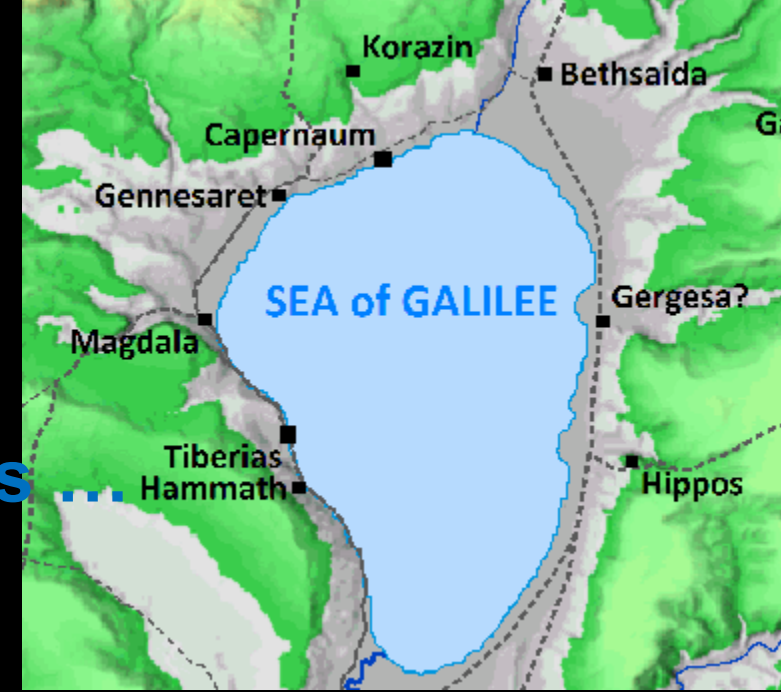
**John 21:1** Afterward Jesus appeared  
again to his disciples,  
by the Sea of Galilee....

2 Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael ...  
sons of Zebedee, & two other disciples

3 Peter said, "I'm going out to fish"  
Others said, "We'll go with you."  
They went out & got into the boat,  
but that night they caught nothing.

4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood  
on the shore, but the disciples  
did NOT realize that it was Jesus.

**Risen Christ ... looking after His Own**



**John 21:5** He called out to them,  
“Friends, have you got any fish?”  
“No,” they answered.

**6** He said, “Throw your net on **RIGHT** side  
of the boat and you will find some.”

When they did, they were unable to haul  
the net in because of the large number of fish.

**7** Then the disciple whom Jesus loved  
said to Peter, “It is the Lord!”

As soon as Simon Peter heard ...  
he wrapped his outer garment ...  
jumped into the water.





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**Morning, April 13, 1877 on John 21:16 – Feed My Sheep**

Many of you have now for years been  
settled in one sphere ... while you ... *fish*

I trust that more & more you will remember  
that you now have **OTHER** duties to perform;

You have to **FEED** as well as to **FISH**  
to handle the crook as well as the net.

We now leave the sea, wherein  
we were drifted to and fro, &  
we abide among our own flocks

standing & feeding in the strength of the Lord



**John 21:8** The other disciples followed in,  
the boat, towing the net full of fish ...

**9** When they landed,  
they saw a fire of burning coals there  
with fish on it, and some bread.

**10** Jesus said to them,  
“Bring some of the fish you have just caught.”

**11** Peter climbed back into the boat  
dragged net ashore.... full of large fish  
... so many the net was NOT torn.

**12** Jesus said to them,  
“Come & have Breakfast”

**Risen Christ ... cooking fish for His disciples**





**John 21:12** None of the disciples dared ask,  
“Who are you?”

They **KNEW** it was the Lord.

**13** Jesus took the bread & gave it to them,  
and did the same with the fish.

**14** ... This 3rd time Jesus appeared to his disciples  
after he was raised from the dead.

**15** When they finished eating, Jesus said to  
Simon Peter, “Simon son of John,  
Do You Love ME more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you **KNOW** I Love You.”  
Jesus said, “Feed My Lambs”

**Risen Christ probing Peter’s Heart**





**Charles H. Spurgeon (1834-1892)**

**Evening, Oct 15, 1882 on John 21:17 – You *KNOW* I Love You**

***context of Peter's betrayal & Christ's forgiveness***

***Spurgeon pulls back the veil of **Peter's heart** to Peter!***

**I find that, nowadays, there is a sad increase of that  
pestilent heresy ... practically a return to old Arianism ...**

**which sought to rob Christ of his true glory**

**reduce him to ... a MERE MAN**

**We're NOT tainted with that fatal error ...**

**God grant that we NEVER may be!**

**No—he who, as man, is our brother,  
is also God, our Lord and Savior ...**



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**Evening, Oct 15, 1882 on John 21:17 – You *KNOW* I Love You**

**Jesus Christ, whom we worship & adore; and  
We think & speak of Him as possessing  
every attribute that is essential to the Deity,  
Therefore, as possessing this one, — that**

## **He Knows All Things**

**He searches the Hearts ...  
Tries the reins of the children of men  
For he is, assuredly,  
“very God of very God”  
or as Paul says ...**

**“He is over ALL, God blessed for EVER”**





**John 21:16** Again Jesus said,  
“Simon son of John, Do You Love Me?”  
Peter, “Yes, Lord, you KNOW I love you.”  
Jesus said, “Feed My Sheep”



**17** Third time Jesus said to Peter,  
“Simon son of John, Do You Love Me?”  
Peter was hurt because Jesus asked 3x  
“Do You Love Me?”  
He said, “Lord, you KNOW ALL things;  
you KNOW that I Love You.”  
Jesus said, “Feed My Sheep”

**What does “Feed My Sheep” mean?** = *Care for Souls*



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**Morning, April 13, 1877 on John 21:16 – Feed My Sheep**

**Touched me very much to find our Lord addressing Peter by his old name of “Simon, son of Jonas.”**

**Why not simply, “Peter, Lovest thou Me?” ...**

**Was it not ... to remind him of his natural weakness?**

**Here, he is not called Petros,**

**The Stone, The Rock**

**But the “Son of Jonas”**

**the “Son of a Timid Dove” ...**

**Under THAT name he is to**

**Feed Sheep**





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Morning, April 13, 1877 on John 21:16 – Feed My Sheep

Brethren, if this morning you are filled with a  
consciousness of your own weakness & unworthiness

The Master says to you, “Still go & Feed My Sheep.”

If you are NOT in your own opinion **FIT** for the work,  
STILL let the sheep BE FED

Why should they starve? ...

“Feed My Sheep”

Go as **Peter**, the **Rock**, *if you can*  
but if you cannot do so,

go as “Simon, Son of Jonas” – the Dove



**John 21:18** Very truly I tell you,  
when you were younger  
you dressed yourself ... where you wanted;  
but when you are old you will stretch out  
your hands, & someone else will dress you &  
lead you where you do not want to go.”

**19** Jesus said this to indicate the  
kind of **DEATH** by which  
Peter would glorify God.

Then Jesus said to Peter, “Follow Me!”

**I suspect ... Jesus took Peter aside**  
**Jesus took him aside for a *one-on-one***





**John 21:20** Peter turned and saw the  
disciple whom Jesus loved was  
Following *Them*.

*(This was the one who had leaned back  
against Jesus at the supper and had said,  
“Lord, who is going to betray you?”)*

**21** When Peter saw him, he asked,  
“Lord, what about him?”

**22** Jesus answered, “If I want him  
to remain alive until I RETURN,  
What is that to YOU?  
You must Follow Me”

**Some say 2nd Coming ... or Christ in Revelation**



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Evening, Oct 15, 1882 on John 21:17 – You *KNOW* I Love You

Peter had some comfortable gleams of hope  
even amid the darkness ...

Peter did even dare to speak to his Lord ...

“Lord, thou **KNOWEST** all things;  
thou **KNOWEST** that I love thee,

**FOR** between thee & me—Jesus & Peter—there  
have been some **LOVE** passages  
which nobody knows  
but thyself & myself

My eyes **ALL FULL** of tears  
have met thy eyes **ALL FULL** of Love





Charles H. Spurgeon (1834-1892) ... Oct 15, 1882 John 21:17 – You *KNOW* I Love You

My heart ALL Breaking has touched  
thy heart which was **PIERCED** upon the tree.

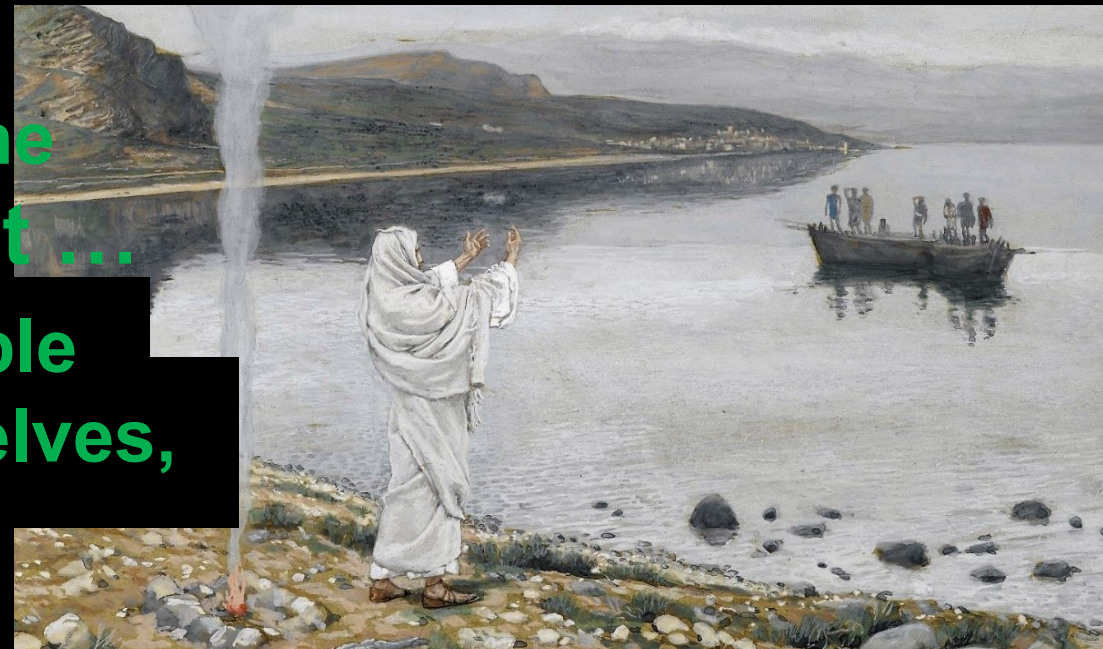
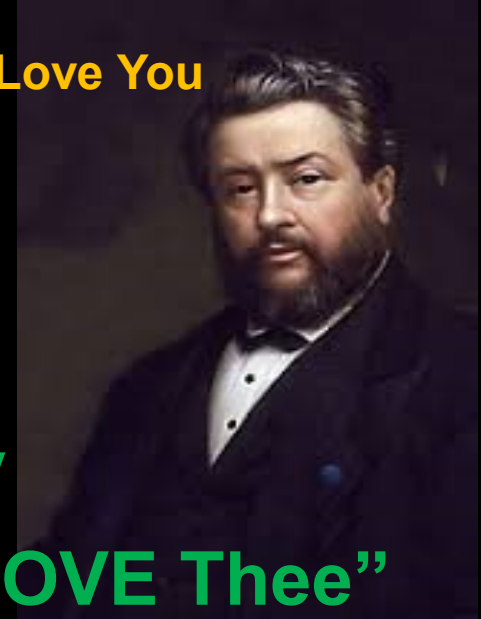
Thy wounded hand has been laid to my sore ...

Thy weeping eyes have *LOOKED* my tears away

Thou **KNOWEST** ALL things ... Thou *KNOWEST* I LOVE Thee”

Dear friends, you see there is something  
exceedingly **SWEET** about that  
omniscience which has *READ* the  
**Secret Motions of Our Spirit ...**

Even when they have been so feeble  
we could scarcely see them ourselves,  
**God Has Seen Them**



**John 21:23** Because of this, rumor spread  
among the believers that his disciple  
Would NOT DIE

But Jesus did NOT say that  
he [John] would **NOT DIE**; he only said,  
“If I want him to remain alive until I RETURN,  
What is that to YOU?”

Until “I Return”? ... Not 2nd Coming  
Just a day with Peter *or* Coming to John in Book of Revelation  
I suspect ... just a little *one-on-one* time

**24** This is the disciple who testifies to  
these things & wrote them down.  
We know his testimony is true.



**What is that to YOU?**





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If every one of them were written down,  
I suppose that even the

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that would be written.

Guilt & my confusion disappeared in sweet release  
Every fear I EVER had just melted into PEACE

HE's ALIVE - HE's ALIVE

HE's ALIVE and

I'm Forgiven

Heaven's Gates are OPEN WIDE

