

Do You Love Me?

After breakfast, Jesus asked Peter a simple question

This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter,

"Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Then a second time, he asked it again

Again Jesus said,

"Simon son of John, do you truly love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

By the third time, Peter was distressed by the same question

The third time he said to him,

"Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

Then Jesus revealed how Peter would glorify God

I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted;

but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."

Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.

Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

John 21:14-19



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John 21:15



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Jesus trusts faulty people with his mission
Above all, Jesus seeks each disciples' love
His disciples will follow him, even unto death

How do we answer Jesus?

Do we love him deeply from the heart?
If so, do we take good care of his people?
Are we willing to pay a price to follow him?



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This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.
And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

I John 3:16

The Commands of Jesus

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul
and mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.

Portions of Matthew 22:37-38



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Jesus to Peter from John 21:15-17

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