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John 21:15-17 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "**Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?**" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "**Feed My lambs.**" He said to him again a second time, "**Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?**" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "**Tend My sheep.**" He said to him the third time, "**Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?**" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "**Do you love Me?**" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "**Feed My sheep.**"

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John 21:15-17

- ▀ What did Jesus call Peter?
- ▀ What are the "these" in Jesus' question to Peter?
- ▀ Why does Jesus ask Peter if he loves Him and why three times?

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John 21:15-17

- ▀ What differences do we note between each of the three times Jesus asks this question?
- ▀ What is the difference between feeding sheep and tending sheep?
- ▀ Why is Peter grieved the third time Jesus asks him if he loves Him?

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**John 21:18-19** *"Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."* This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, **"Follow Me."**

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**John 21:18-19**

- Why would Jesus tell Peter how he was going to die as opposed to letting it surprise him as with most of us?
- Why might Peter be happy to learn of the way that he will die?

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**John 21:20-25** Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?" Jesus said to him, **"If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."** Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, **"If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?"** This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

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John  
21:20-25

- What is the significance of Jesus' answer about John?
- How are we often like Peter in regard to his question about John?
- What should be noted about the closing of John?
- Do you love Jesus more than: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Wrap Up

Any further comments?  
Next week's lesson 1<sup>st</sup> John  
Closing prayer.

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