

**Do You Love Me More  
Than These?**

***John 21:15-19***

# Conversations With Peter

- John 1:42 → Cephas – Peter, a rock.
- Matt. 4:18-19 → Follow me.
- Matt. 14:28-33 → O thou of little faith.
- Matt. 16:13-19 → Confesses Jesus as the Son of God.
- Matt. 16:22-23 → Failure to grasp God's plan.
- Matt. 17:4 → Three tabernacles...
- Matt. 18:21-22 → Forgiveness – 70 times 7
- Jn. 13:7-11 → Example of humble service.
- Matt. 26:31-35 → Peter to deny Jesus three times.

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- 16 He saith to him again the second time, **Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?** He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, **Feed my sheep.**
- 17 He saith unto him **the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?** Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, **Feed my sheep.**

# Some Remarkable Similarities

- Coal fire. (Jn. 18:18; 21:9)
- Solemn assertions of Jesus' predictions – “verily, verily” (13:38; 21:18)
- Three questions – Three denials (Jn. 18:17-27); Three questions – three affirmations. (Jn. 21:15-17)

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# Do You Love Jesus?

- More than family? (Matt. 10:34-37)
- More than the pleasures of this life? (II Tim. 3:4; Heb. 11:25-26 )
- More than the material things of this life? (Lk. 12:15; Matt. 6:19-20; 19:22)
- More than popularity? (Jn. 12:42-43; Lk. 6:26)
- More than this world? (Rom. 12:1-2)

# The Love of Christ Brings...

- ***A course to walk.*** { 21:19; I Pet. 5:1-2; I Cor. 15:58; Titus 3:14
- ***A cross to bear.*** { 21:19; Lk. 14:27; Jn. 15:18ff; I Pet. 4:16
- ***A crown to wear.*** { I Pet. 5:4; II Tim. 4:8

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. (II Tim. 4:8)