

Session 13: May 28, 2023 John 21:15-23 Do You Love Me?

(13) Jesus then came, and took bread, and gave it to them, and fish likewise.

(14) This is now the third time that Jesus showed Himself to His disciples, after He had risen from the dead.

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(15) So when they had dined, Jesus said to Simon Peter, **Simon, son of Jonas, do you love^e Me more than these?** He said to Him, Yes, Lord; You know that I love^f You. He said to him, **Feed My lambs.**

(16) He said to him again the second time, **Simon, son of Jonas, do you love^e Me?** He said to Him, Yes, Lord; You know that I love^f You. He said to him, **Feed My sheep.**

(17) He said to him the third time, **Simon, son of Jonas, do you love^e Me?** Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, Do you love^e Me? And he said to him, Lord, You know all things; You know that I love^f You. Jesus said to him, **Feed My sheep.**

(18) **Truly, truly, I say to you, When you were young, you clothed yourself, and walked wherever you wanted: but when you are old, you shall stretch forth your hands, and another shall lead you, and carry you where you do not want to go.**

(19) This He spoke, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, **Follow Me.**

(20) Then Peter, turning about, seeing the disciple whom Jesus loved^g following; who also leaned on His breast at supper, and said, Lord, who is he who betrays You?

(21) Peter seeing him said to Jesus, Lord, and what *shall* this man *do*?

(22) Jesus said to him, **If I will that he stays until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.**

(23) Then this saying went abroad among the brothers, that that disciple would not die: but Jesus did not say to him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he stays until I come, what *is that* to you?

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(24) This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

(25) And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which, if every one of them should be written, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen {let it be}.

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21:15-16e - love - agape {αγαπας} – God-like love – love of action
– usually translated in King James as ‘charity’

21:15-17f - love - philo {φιλω} – brotherly love

21:20g – disciple whom Jesus loved is the one writing the Gospel of John – see John 21:24. John 13:23; John 19:26g