

# John pt40 - (21:1-25)

## Jesus' Third Appearance

### 1. John 21:1-14 – The third appearance of Jesus

- a. 21:2,14 - The meaning of three - a number of completeness
  - i. Trinity, matter, time, space, thought, arguments, persons
  - ii. three witnesses, nature of man, temptation
- b. 21:2-3 - The disciples: not yet empowered – Luke 24:49; Acts 1:3-5
- c. 21:4-5 - The importance of fishing on the right side
- d. 21:7-15 – A picture of a future meal in the kingdom? – Luke 12:36-37
  - i. Work in the night, Jesus appears unexpectedly – Luke 2:8, 12:40
  - ii. They will reap a great harvest to bring to the Lord – Mat 13:23
  - iii. They shall all know the Lord – Jer 31:34 & Heb 8:11
  - iv. They will dine with the Lord - Rev 19:6-7
  - v. Notice Jesus is not drinking – Mat 26:29

### 2. John 21:15-19 – Feed my sheep

- a. 21:15 – Peter's opportunity to redeem himself – Luke 22:31-34
- b. 21:16 - "Lovest thou me?" – He asks this three times.
  - i. Translation does not diminish word meaning–God gives the words
    1. Translation is not a problem-Gen 3:1, Exo 7:16, Acts 22:1
    2. Exact references; not a problem! - Luke 4:18, Isa 61:1
  - ii. Agapao & phileo – they are synonymous! Ex. smart & intelligent
    1. Pharisees - Luke 11:43(a) & Luke 20:46(p) & Mat 23:6(p)
    2. The Father loves the Son - John 3:35(a) & John 5:20 (p)
    3. The disciple Jesus loved – John 20:2 (p) & John 21:20(a)
    4. Brotherly love – Heb 13:1(p) & 1 Peter 2:17 (a)
    5. Dying love – Eph 5:28 (a) & Titus 2:4 (p)
- c. 21:17 – Who are the sheep? – Israel and Judah – Eze 34:11-16, 30-31
- d. 21:18-19 – Prophecy of Peter's death – he said he would die – John 13:37
  - i. All we know is his death will be by force – be careful of fables
  - ii. Where is Peter?! Not in Rome → Acts 28:16-21

### 3. John 21:20-25 – Final thoughts

- a. 21:20 - The disciple Jesus loved (John) → disputed by modern critics
  - i. But, he was at the supper, and in the inner circle...Mat 26:20
- b. 21:22-23 – The rumor started and squelched – John would not live forever
- c. 21:24 – The author's credibility – This may have been added
- d. 21:25 – The works of Jesus – The Bible is not exhaustive, it is complete.
  - i. It provides the evidence of the true witness of God – John 20:31