

One Hard Question. Three Times!

John 21:15-17 November 27, 2016



Background context of John 21:

- Like a “PS”.
- Maybe a couple of weeks after the resurrection.
- Disciples are fishing - no luck.
- Some guy on the beach yells, “*Try the other side!*”
- 153 fish leap into the net.
- Realizing the guy is Jesus, Peter leaps into the water and heads for the beach.
- Jesus has started breakfast for them.



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.” 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.” 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.”



1. False Expectations

- For Him
- For His kingdom
- For yourself

App 1:

2. Failures



App 2:

3. From Fishing to Following

