

John 21:15~ When, now, they had breakfasted, Jesus said to Simon Peter; **Simon son of John,¹ do you love me² more than these?** He said to him; **Yes, Lord, you know I have affection for you.³** He said to him; **Feed my lambs.**

Footnote: John BVg; ASy^{p,s}, Jona See (John 1:42) Footnote John

Footnote: Literally, are you loving Greek, *a-ga-pais'*

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1· So after they had all breakfasted Jesus addressed Peter, and referring to the food that they had just eaten, Jesus asked Simon Peter if he loved him, more than food. This was a fair question, for here they were fishing for food, rather than feeding the spiritually hungry ones among mankind, who needed their help. If Peter did love Jesus more than food, then he should be feeding his lambs, the little ones that put their faith in him.

[Question] What question did Jesus ask of Peter, after they had finished breakfast?

[Question] Why was this a fair question to ask of Peter, and the others?

[Question] What would Peter and the others do, if they truly loved Jesus, more than they loved mere food?

2· **Jesus said** to them; **Come, take your breakfast.** Not one of the disciples had the courage to inquire of him; **Who are you? Because they knew it was the Lord. (John 21:12)**

[Question] After eating his prepared breakfast, how did the disciples feel, and what were they afraid to ask of Jesus?

3· But **Peter**, in answer, **said** to him; **Although all the others are stumbled in connection with you, never will I be stumbled! (Matthew 26:33)**

[Question] What had Peter presumptuously said to Jesus, on the night of his death?

4· And I **have** made your name known to them and will make it known, in order, that the **love** with which you loved me may be in them and I in union with them. **(John 17:26)**

[Question] Whose name did Jesus make known to his disciples, and why?

- 5· But I **have** made supplication for you that your faith may not give out, and you, when once you **have** returned, strengthen your brothers. (**Luke 22:32**)

[Question] What work did Jesus tell his apostles to engage in, after they returned from their scattering?

- 6· Pay attention to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, to shepherd the congregation of God, which he purchased with the blood of his own Son. (**Acts of Apostles 20:28**)

[Question] What fine counsel did Paul later give to Christian overseers, for what was the work they were assigned to do?

- 7· Shepherd the flock of God in your care, not under compulsion, but willingly, neither for **love** of dishonest gain, but eagerly. (**1 Peter 5:2**)

[Question] How are Christian elders, to care for the flock of God in their charge?

- 8· And I will give you shepherds in agreement with my heart, and they will certainly feed you with knowledge and insight. (**Jeremiah 3:15**)

[Question] Who did Yehowah God show, that he would raise up for his people, and what would they each possess?

- 9· And I will raise up over them, shepherds who will actually shepherd them, and they will be afraid no more, neither will they be struck with any terror, and none will be missing, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 23:4**)

[Question] What work did Yehowah God show, that he would raise up shepherds to perform for his people?

- 10· Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophecy, and you must say to them, to the shepherds; This is what the Sovereign **Lord** Yehowah has **said**; Woe to the shepherds of Israel, who **have** become feeders of themselves! Is it not the flock that the shepherds ought to feed? (**Ezekiel 34:2**)

[Question] Were the shepherds Yehowah God raised up over his people, to just concern themselves with feeding themselves, for who should they be feeding?

- 11· He led him to Jesus. When Jesus looked upon him he said; You are Simon the son of John, you will be called Cephas, which is translated Peter. (John 1:42)**

[Question] How did Jesus change Simon's name, upon first meeting him?