

**John 21:17~** He said to him the third time; **Simon, son of John, do you have affection for me?**<sup>1</sup> Peter became grieved, that he said to him the third time; Do you have affection for me? So he said to him; Lord, you know all things, you are aware that I have affection for you.<sup>2</sup> Jesus said to him; **Feed my little sheep.**

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**1·** So again Jesus asked Peter, if he had affection for him. At this third request, Peter became grieved that he had asked him a third time. So Peter said to Jesus; Lord, you know all things, you are aware that I have affection for you. Then again Jesus said to Peter; Feed my little sheep.

**[Question]** To further emphasize the importance of his counsel, what did Jesus say a third time to Peter?

**[Question]** How did Peter now feel, and so how did he answer?

**2·** This emphasized what they should be doing with their lives from henceforth, feeding the little ones who in faith, put their confidence in Christ. These men had all been witnesses of his resurrection, and they needed to feed and strengthen his disciples with their knowledge, through witnessing about the Kingdom of God far and wide. Peter's own life course after this, and his two fine letters, show that he really got the point of this fine counsel from Jesus.

**[Question]** How did this show, what they should be doing with their time henceforth?

**[Question]** How did this counsel then change their course, and set them upon a better one?

**[Question]** What shows, that Peter later got the point of Jesus' fine counsel given here, as did John?

**3·** But **Jesus**, having discerned immediately by his spirit, that they were reasoning that way in themselves, **said** to them; Why are you reasoning these **things** in your hearts? (**Mark 2:8**)

**[Question]** What was Jesus able to tell about his disciples, without them even voicing their feelings?

**4·** But **Jesus** himself was not entrusting himself to them,

because of his knowing them all (**John 2:24**)

**[Question]** Why would Jesus not entrust himself to men?

- 5· And because he was in no need to **have** anyone bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man. (**John 2:25**)

**[Question]** What did Jesus know about what was in man?

- 6· Now we **know**, that you **know** all **things**, and you do not need to **have** anyone question you. By this, we believe, that you came out from God. (**John 16:30**)

**[Question]** What did Jesus' disciples come to believe about him, after much close association with him?

- 7· The doorkeeper opens to this one, and the **sheep** listen to his voice, and he calls his own **sheep** by name and leads them out. (**John 10:3**)

**[Question]** Whose voice do the sheep listen to, and how does this shepherd lead his sheep out?

- 8· And I **have** other **sheep**, which are not of this fold, those also I must bring, and they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock, one shepherd. (**John 10:16**)

**[Question]** What other sheep did Jesus make mention of, and what must they all become in time, together with his little flock of spirit anointed Christians?

- 9· I am the door, whoever enters through me will be saved, and he will go in and out, and find pasturage. (**John 10:9**)

**[Question]** What did Jesus show, that he was like to the sheep, and what would all entering his sheepfold find?