

DO YOU LOVE ME

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INTRODUCTION

A. TEXT: “*Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.*” (John 21:15).

1. Question repeated 3 times.
2. Why was Peter the one asked?

B. SETTING:

1. Jesus appears to 7 of His disciples at Sea of Tiberias.
2. They had gone back to fishing. Making living.
3. Their former manner of life or living.
4. It appears that after Jesus was gone, they simply return to their former manner of life. (Was it to be a permanent return?).
5. Jesus reveals Himself to them, feeds them, and then asks the question of our Text.

C. PURPOSE OF THE QUESTION.

1. We will notice the question as asked of Peter, then we will go a little farther.
 2. After seeing these turn back in life....Is Jesus getting them to focus on their true affections?
 - a. Do you love this life.....
 - b. or Do You Love Me??
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TO PETER

A. WHY PETER? And not the others.

1. Can only surmise.
2. Was it because Peter had denied Him 3 times.
3. Notice, Jesus called him “Simon” his original Jewish name, not the one Jesus had given him. The word “Peter” signifies a rock, and would not at this time be a term for the vacillating disciple.
4. Also difference in the word for “love” that Jesus used, from the one Peter used.

B. NOTICE:

1. Question3 times.
 2. Answer 3 times.
 3. Challenge 3 times. (Then fed my lambs, sheep) Show Your Love!
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TO US

- A. While This Question was asked of Peter...It could well be asked of us Today!
1. If Jesus asked you today...What would your answer Be?
 2. Jesus does ask you today... Do You Love Me?...What Is Your Answer?
- B. THEN JESUS “CHALLENGED” “If You Love Me....THEN.
1. Our Love for Jesus, is not to be in WORD, but in Deed! (I Jn. 3:18).
 2. Our love must be seen in what we do.
 3. **How do WE respond to His Question???**
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JOHN 14:15

- A. *“If you Love me, ye will keep my commandments.”* (John 14:15).
1. Jesus’ question....Do you love me.
 2. Our answer. Do we keep His Commandments.
 3. It is a contradiction to say...We Love Him, then to Refuse to do what He commands.
 4. What are His commandments.
 - a. His Word.
 - b. The New Testament. The Gospel. (Rom. 10:17)
 - c. Which commands must we obey....Which one can we neglect?
- B. *“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”* (John 15:13).
1. Then Jesus said....”Ye are my friends...v. 14.
 2. We know He loved us, because He laid down His life for us.
 3. Now Jesus asks....Am I your Friend. Do You Love Me? Would you give..... or give up your life for Him?
- C. *“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vain glory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”* (I John 2:15-17).
1. We cannot love Jesus and the world.
 2. We will love one or the other...(Matt. 6:24).
 3. “Do you love Me??

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- D. *“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”* (I John 4:7,8).
1. Then.... *“If a man say I love God, and hateth his brother he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, cannot love God whom he hath not seen.”* v. 20.
 2. This must have been a problem for man; as oft as it is mention in N.T.
 3. Jesus tells us we must love....As He Loved Us.
 4. “If you love me...You will Love one another.
 5. We know that we love by the way we act. What we do. (How do we know that Jesus loves us?)
 6. He knows (and we know) by what we do your Him.
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CONCLUSION

- A. Look back at the Text, and the final statement that Jesus made to Peter.
1. Peter had affirmed his love for Jesus 3 time.
 2. Then Jesus told Peter.... *“Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldst; but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldst not. Now this he spake, signifying by what manner of death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him. Follow me.”* (21:18,19).
 3. If you love me...”Follow thou me” v. 22. Die With Me!
- B. Jesus asks you....Do you Love me.
1. What is your answer.
 2. If you love Him, really love Him you will become a Christian.
 3. You will obey all of His commands.
 4. Plan of salvation.
- C. JESUS ASKS YOU. Do you Love Me?
1. If you Love Him you will live the Christian life.
 2. It will not be how little can I do and get by...But how much can I serve.
 3. Jesus told Peter...If you love me, Give your life to me.
 4. Jesus tells us....If you love me, Give your life to me.

JESUS ASKS — DO YOU LOVE ME...WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

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