

SERMON: CARING FOR THE LAMBS AND THE SHEEP
ISAIAH 40:1-15; JOHN 21

I. JESUS APPEARS (10+1) TIMES AFTER HIS RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD

A. 5 times on the day of His Resurrection

B. 5 times before His Ascension

1. John 21 –Jesus appears for the 7th time to 7 Apostles (3rd time in John's Gospel-John 20:11-1st ; John 20:24-2nd in John, but 6th in total)

2. Matt. 28:16-20-Jesus appears for the 8th time, in Galilee

3. Luke 24:50; Acts 1:2-Jesus appears for the 10th time, in Bethany

II. JESUS CONFRONTS AND COMFORTS HIS SERVANT, PETER, IN GROUPS OF THREE

III. CONFRONTATION

A. After breakfast (3rd appearance in John's Gospel-John 21:14)

B. John refers to Peter as Simon Peter-John 1:42 - 21:15(1st & 15th)

C. Jesus confronts Peter: "Simon, son of John...)-John 21:15,16,17

D. Peter's two sins: boasting of his own faithfulness and challenging Jesus' knowledge

E. Peter's responses

1. Yes, Lord, you know (oidas)-John 20:15

2. Yes, Lord you know (oidas)- John 20:16

3. In distress, Lord, you know everything (oidas), you know (ginosko)

IV. COMFORT AND RESTORATION TO THE WORK OF MINISTRY

A. Feed My lambs-Isa. 40:11 (Jesus' work- Peter again included)-lambs cannot feed themselves

B. Shepherd My sheep-John 10:2,11,12,14,16-protect, guide, comfort like the Good Shepherd

C. Feed My sheep-the whole of My Flock

V. INSTRUCTIONS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR CHRIST RP CHURCH

A. With the Lord is compassion and forgiveness

B. The Lord's servants learn to trust His care and His wisdom and knowledge

C. Jesus claims the 'lambs' as His own-a strange flock without children

D. Jews and Gentiles have are One Flock with One Shepherd-His Church

E. Under Shepherds like Peter are to feed, guide, comfort, and where necessary protect the Lord's Sheep.