

## **He Restores My Soul**

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John 21:1-17 (page 90 in the black Bibles)

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In verses 1-14, Jesus manifested Himself to His followers as One who cares for them and provides for them, the very thing He charged them to do in verses 15-17 as seen in Peter's restoration, "Take care of My sheep."

### **Jesus Manifested Himself to the Disciples (vv. 1-14)**

Verse 1: After these things Jesus Manifested Himself again to His disciples at the Sea of Tiberias (Sea of Galilee, see John 6:1) and He manifested Himself in this way.

Verse 14: This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.

### **How did Jesus manifest Himself to His disciples?**

Our sovereign Lord manifested Himself through His humble service to His disciples by:

Guiding them (vv. 1-6)

Providing for them (vv. 6, 8-11)

Feeding them (vv.9-13)

Restoring them (vv. 15-17)

## Psalm 23:1-4

At the end of verses 1-14 Peter seems to be his old self, taking charge, fishing, working, etc. (vv. 3, 7, 11). In verse 15 Peter is put on trial for His failure in the courtyard when he had denied Jesus three times. What He finds is not condemnation for His failure but mercy and grace as seen in his restoration.

“When they had finished breakfast,”

The other disciples are present when Jesus restores Peter.

There is a connection in v.9 with John 18:18 which helps make a connection to what is about to take place in verses 15-17.

“So when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal fire...” (v. 9)

The larger context of Luke 18:15-18, 25-27 is Peter’s denial of Jesus three times.

“Now the slaves and the officers were standing there, having made a charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter was also with them, standing and warming Himself.” (18:18)

**Jesus also manifested Himself as merciful and forgiving as seen in Peter’s restoration (vv. 15-17).**

The question to Peter is stated three times:

Do you love Me more than these?

Do you love Me?

Do you love Me?

What or Whom are “these” in verse 15?

1. Do you love Me more than - boats, nets, fishing, gear...?
2. Do you love Me more than you love these other disciples?
3. Do you love Me more than these others disciples love Me?

See John 13:37 and Matt. 26:33; Mark 14:29; Luke 22:31-34

Peter’s answer is:

Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.

Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.

After the third question we are told that, Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, Do you love Me?”

“Lord, you know all things; You know that I love You.”

Peter was grieved because after the third question he realized why Jesus asked him the same question three times.

After each of Peter’s responses Jesus gives Peter a charge.

Tend/feed My lambs.

Shepherd/tend My sheep

Tend/feed My sheep.

1 Peter 5:1-4

Observations concerning Peter’s restoration:

Peter’s restoration was in front of the other disciples. It wasn’t just Peter who failed Jesus. They had all fled Jesus when He was arrested.

Peter didn’t make excuses for his failure.

We have a faithful and merciful Savior.

## 2 Timothy 2:11-13

<sup>11</sup>It is a trustworthy statement:

For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him;

<sup>12</sup>If we endure, we will also reign with Him;

If we deny Him, He also will deny us;

<sup>13</sup>If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

See also Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:12-16

## **The question for us is, “do we love Jesus?”**

How do we know if we truly love Him?

John 14:15, 21, 23, 24

1 John 3:10; 4:19-21; 5:1-3

Our love for Jesus/God is seen in our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

What if my love is weak? God gives us what we need to love Him and others.

Romans 5:5

Where have you failed in your relationship with the Lord?

In what area of your relationship with the Lord do you need to be restored?

“Your past failure doesn’t have to be your future legacy.” (Kevin DeYoung)