

“Come and Have Breakfast”

John 21:1-25

Key Verse: 21:15

“When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ he said, ‘you know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Feed my lambs.’”

1. Read verses 1-3. What does “Afterward” refer to? Where did this occur? What did Peter and the disciples do? With what result? What was their situation?
2. Read verses 4-6. Why did the disciples not recognize Jesus? How did he greet them? Help them? What prior event might Peter remember? (Lk 5:4-6) What was unresolved in him? (Lk 22:60-62)
3. Read verses 7-8. Who recognized Jesus first? When Peter realized it was Jesus, what did he do? Why?
4. Read verses 9-14. Why might Jesus have rebuked them? (Mk 14:30) What was Jesus’ invitation? Why? (Heb 13:8; Mk 2:15) How did the disciples respond? How does a relationship with Jesus happen? (Ro 5:8; 1Jn 4:19; 1Pe 2:24; Rev 3:20b)
5. Read verses 15-17. Why did Jesus focus on Peter? What does it mean to love Jesus “more than these”? What was Peter’s response? What does it mean to “feed my lambs,” “take care of my sheep,” and “feed my sheep”? Whose sheep are they? Why was Peter hurt? Did he need to be hurt to be healed?
6. Read verses 18-19. How would Peter’s life change? Why speak about his death? Read verses 20-23. Why did Peter ask about John? What did Jesus teach him? What does the author of this book testify? (24,25).