

## Sermon outline notes: John 21 V 15 – 19 “Do You Love God”

### Jesus Reinstates Peter

Jesus is God incarnate and the basis of this passage is;

“I’m God and I want you to love me”

### Comparisons;

Jesus meets Peter on the beach – the same place that where He originally called Peter to follow Him. (Matthew 4 v 18)

He’s prepared a fire – symbolic that Peter was warming himself by a fire when he denied knowing Jesus (Mark 14 v 66 and John 18 v 18) – linked to Peters failing.

### Greek

After his resurrection Jesus visited Peter who had denied him three times prior to the crucifixion. Peter, ashamed of his unfaithfulness, couldn't bring himself to acknowledge agape love towards Jesus. The exchange went as the following:

Jesus said to Simon Peter, *"Simon son of John, do you truly love (agape) me more than these?"*

*"Yes, Lord,"* he said, *"you know that I love (phileo) you."*

Jesus said, *"Feed my lambs."*

Again Jesus said, *"Simon son of John, do you truly love (agape) me?"*

He answered, *"Yes, Lord, you know that I love (phileo) you."*

Jesus said, *"Take care of my sheep."*

The third time he said to him, *"Simon son of John, do you love (phileo) me?"*

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, *"Do you love (phileo) me?"*

He said, *"Lord, you know all things; you know that I love (phileo) you."*

Jesus said, *"Feed my sheep."*

Peter could only admit to preferring Jesus as a friend, for he felt that he failed to demonstrate agape love towards him. However Jesus did provide a way for him to show his love - through obedience. One way our Agape love is revealed to the Lord is by our obedience. Jesus said, *"Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me."* John 14:21

### Conclusion

God wants us to love Him. When you do, he will heal, restore, commission, equip, use, and bless you.