

**DO YOU
LOVE ME
MORE
THAN**

JUST ANOTHER MIRACLE

John 21:1-17

**IS THAT
FISH?**



John 21: 1 After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself.

2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.

3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.

5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.

6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.

8 And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.

9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

10 Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.

11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

14 This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

15 **So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, 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.

16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

17 **He saith unto him the third** time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

I. PETER,

**DO YOU
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THESE?



A. Peter (being a Jew) Had Probably Loved the Principles of Judaism.

Judaism was a “doing” thing.

B. Peter Loved:

- The Program of The Christ.
- The Part he had in the Transfiguration.
- The Paying of the Tribute Money.

C. Peter Loved:

- Walking on the Water.
- Witnessing the raising of Lazarus.
- Watching the Feeding of the 5,000

D. Peter Loved:

- Listening to the Sermon on the Mount.
- Learning how to Pray.

BUT: In Matthew 16 he rebukes Jesus for being ignorant of the program.

BUT: In Matthew 26 he denies Jesus three times.

II. EPHESIANS,

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Revelation 2:1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

- They were working: (*ergon*) That which one undertakes to do.
- They were laboring: (*kopos*) Toil resulting in weariness.
- They were patient: (*hypomone*): Steadfast endurance. Remaining under that weariness of toil.
- They were rebuking the wicked: **Ephesians 5:11** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.
- They were discerning: (*petrazo*): to try. Make a test for the purpose of ascertaining quality
- They were bearing: (*bastazo*): caring the burden produced by the wicked.

- They were patient: (hypomone): not growing cold because of the false teachers.
- They were laboring: (kopeao): to the point they could grow weary.
- They were not fainting: (kamno): to grow weary. **Galatians 6:9** And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

BUT: They had left their first love.

BUT: They needed to repent and return!

III. TONIGHT, DO YOU LOVE HIM MORE THAN THESE?

- Participating in the 26 ministries of our church.
- Participating in the church music ministry.
- Participating in the church teaching ministry.
- Participating in our church youth programs.
- Participating as a church usher or trustee.
- Participating in the various and sundry times of food and fellowship.
- Participating in ACE and breakfast at Mike's.

All that Peter did with Jesus during His earthly ministry was good.

All that the church of Ephesus was doing was good.

All your involvement in the ministries at MSFBC is good.

Luke 10:38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

⁴⁰ But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

⁴¹ And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

⁴² But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Personal time at the feet of Jesus: listening through The Word and communication through prayer.

Christianity, like true marriage, is not a program it is a personal relationship.

Repent and Return.