

John pt40 - (21:1-25)

Jesus' Third Appearance

1. John 21:1-14 – The third appearance of Jesus

- a. 21:2,14 - The meaning of three - a number of completeness
 - i. Trinity, matter, time, space, thought, arguments, persons
 - ii. three witnesses, nature of man, temptation
- b. 21:2-3 - The disciples: not yet empowered – Luke 24:49; Acts 1:3-5
- c. 21:4-5 - The importance of fishing on the right side
- d. 21:7-15 – A picture of a future meal in the kingdom? – Luke 12:36-37
 - i. Work in the night, Jesus appears unexpectedly – Luke 2:8, 12:40
 - ii. They will reap a great harvest to bring to the Lord – Mat 13:23
 - iii. They shall all know the Lord – Jer 31:34 & Heb 8:11
 - iv. They will dine with the Lord - Rev 19:6-7
 - v. Notice Jesus is not drinking – Mat 26:29

2. John 21:15-19 – Feed my sheep

- a. 21:15 – Peter's opportunity to redeem himself – Luke 22:31-34
- b. 21:16 - "Lovest thou me?" – He asks this three times.
 - i. Translation does not diminish word meaning—God gives the words
 1. Translation is not a problem—Gen 3:1, Exo 7:16, Acts 22:1
 2. Exact references; not a problem! - Luke 4:18, Isa 61:1
 - ii. Agapao & phileo – they are synonymous! Ex. smart & intelligent
 1. Pharisees - Luke 11:43(a) & Luke 20:46(p) & Mat 23:6(p)
 2. The Father loves the Son - John 3:35(a) & John 5:20 (p)
 3. The disciple Jesus loved – John 20:2 (p) & John 21:20(a)
 4. Brotherly love – Heb 13:1(p) & 1 Peter 2:17 (a)
 5. Dying love – Eph 5:28 (a) & Titus 2:4 (p)
- c. 21:17 – Who are the sheep? – Israel and Judah – Eze 34:11-16, 30-31
- d. 21:18-19 – Prophecy of Peter's death – he said he would die – John 13:37
 - i. All we know is his death will be by force – be careful of fables
 - ii. Where is Peter?! Not in Rome → Acts 28:16-21

3. John 21:20-25 – Final thoughts

- a. 21:20 - The disciple Jesus loved (John) → disputed by modern critics
 - i. But, he was at the supper, and in the inner circle...Mat 26:20
- b. 21:22-23 – The rumor started and squelched – John would not live forever
- c. 21:24 – The author's credibility – This may have been added
- d. 21:25 – The works of Jesus – The Bible is not exhaustive, it is complete.
 - i. It provides the evidence of the true witness of God – John 20:31