

Breakfast with the Master  
John 21:15-17  
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from the encounter with Christ at the sea.

Intro: 1.  
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I. Visiting with the disciples (v.1-14)

A. 3<sup>rd</sup> appearance

1. In **v.1 & 14** we see Jesus appear to the disciples for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

B. Proof of the Savior (v.2-13)

1. The disciples go fishing, as was the occupation of many of them. (**v.2-3**)

2. Christ reveals himself through a miracle and has breakfast with the disciples (**v.4-13**)

II. Christ & Peter's conversation (v.15-25)

A. Feed MY Sheep (v.15-19)

1. v.15 – Christ uses the Greek word agape (sacrificial love) for love, where Peter uses Philo (warm friendship) for love.

a. The lambs, the soon to be members of the church would have to be feed spiritually

2. v.16 – The statement is repeated here but changes from feed my lamp, to tend my sheep.

a. This would including looking after the sheep.

3. v.17 – Jesus asks a third time causing Peter grief. However this time the word Christ uses for love changes from Agape to Philo.

4. Jesus hints at the fact that some, including Peter would pay the ultimate price if they remained faithful (v.18-19)

B. Peter's question about John (v.20-25)

1. It would seem from this verse the disciple did not understand who betrayed Christ. Peter then asks about John. (v.20)

2. Peter's questions about John is met by Christ telling him that if it was Christ's will that he remain that it was not of Peter's concern. (v.21-23)

3. The book closes with John references how there were many more things that Christ did that are not recorded (v.24-25)

III. Lessons for us today.

A. Feeding sheep today. (v.15-17)

1. Christ asking Peter the same questions three times shows us its importance.

2. Brethren need to be feed and tended.

3. This means we need to learn from God's Word continually and that we need to looking out for one another.

B. Quiet moments with the Savior (v.7-14)

1. Often times we over look the lessons we can learn from simple moments.

2. At this “breakfast by the sea” the disciples were able to enjoy a meal with Christ.
3. A meal with the Son of God who, under normal circumstances, should not be there with them.
4. They were able to sit and take in the power of God as they enjoy this meal with the risen savior.

**Application & Conclusion:**

1. We can learn from the disciples take learn even from the seemingly small events.
2. We can also see the emphasis on tending the sheep, those who belong to God.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9