

# Jesus Appears to the Disciples in Galilee

John 21:1-17

"Do you love Me?"

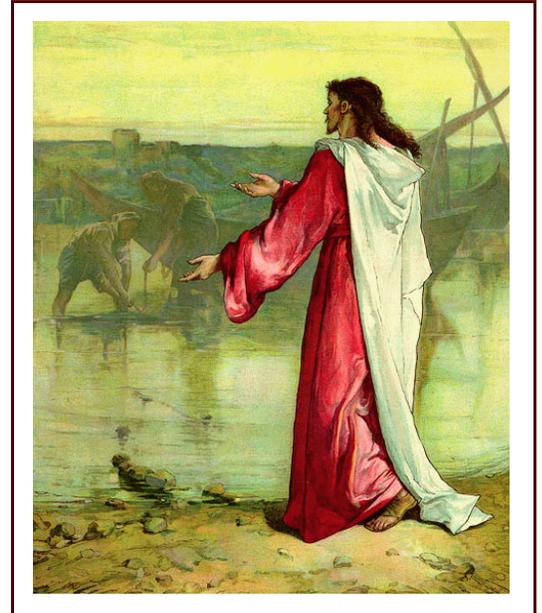
What would you answer Jesus if He asked you that question.

What would you answer if Jesus asked that same question three times?

What command does Jesus give Peter and all of us?

## Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven,  
Be with us today during our Sunday School class as we study Your Holy Word. Help us to listen, learn and take to heart all that Your Holy Scripture teaches in this lesson found in John 21. Cause Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts that we, too, can say, "Yes, Lord, we love You!" Amen.



## The Story - John 21:1-17

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: {2} Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. {3} Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing."

They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. {4} But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. {5} Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?"

They answered Him, "No." {6} And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So

they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

{7} Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. {8} But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. {9} Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. {10} Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught."

{11} Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not



broken. {12} Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"; knowing that it was the Lord. {13} Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.

{14} This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

{15} So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?"

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

{16} He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?"

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

{17} He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?"

And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."

Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

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**Outer Aim - The resurrected Savior appeared to His disciples at Galilee as He promised. There, He reminds them of His loving care and forgiveness in directing His called shepherds to, "Feed My lambs and feed My sheep."**

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## Passage

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;  
for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23

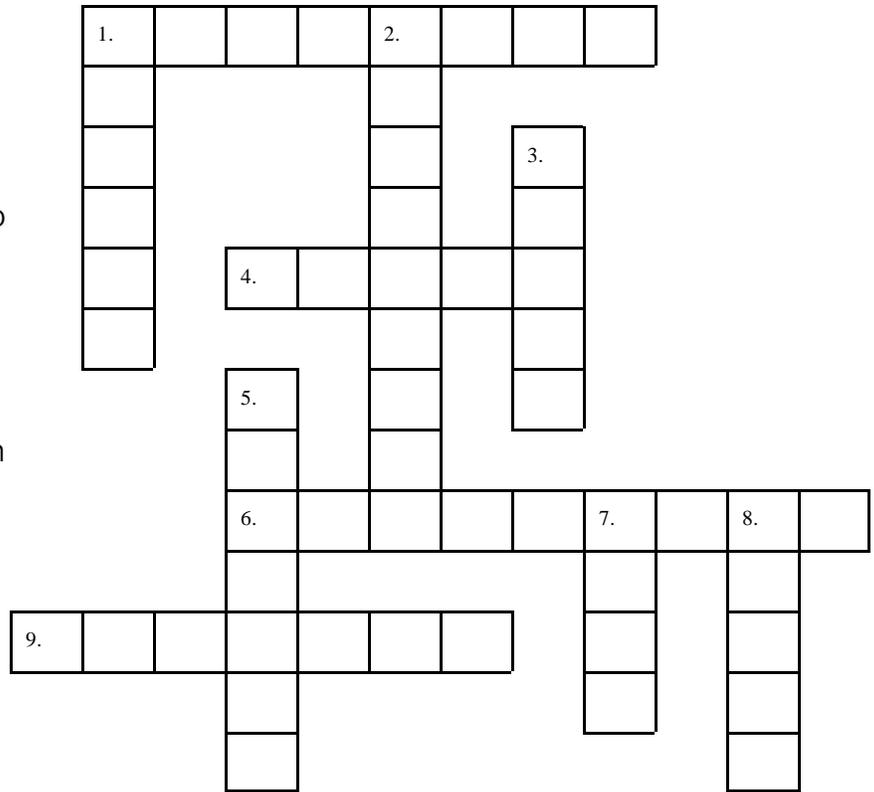
**Review** - Fill in the Crossword Puzzle with the correct answers from John 21.

**Across**

1. Jesus showed Himself at the Sea of \_\_\_\_.
4. Jesus said, "Cast your net on the \_\_\_\_ side of the boat."
6. Jesus made \_\_\_\_ for the disciples to eat.
9. The disciples had one \_\_\_\_ and fifty-three fish in the net.

**Down**

1. \_\_\_\_ called the Twin was fishing with the others.
2. The disciples did not \_\_\_\_ Jesus at first.
3. \_\_\_\_ plunged into the water when he heard that Jesus was the stranger on shore.
5. The sons of \_\_\_\_ were also fishing.
7. Jesus said to Peter, " \_\_\_\_ My lambs."
8. Jesus also said, "Tend my \_\_\_\_."




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**Inner Aim** - We recognize God's hand in our lives - the forgiving love and the life-giving care of Jesus for His disciples and all people.

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**What God Tells Us** - Choose the correct letter to fill in the blank.

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| 1. ____ The ____ works through God's Word to bring us to faith.                             | A. forgiveness |
| 2. ____ The ____ shows us our sin.  | B. eternity    |
| 3. ____ The ____ shows us our Savior.   | C. gospel      |
| 4. ____ We have ____ because of Jesus' death and resurrection.                              | D. Holy Spirit |
| 5. ____ Jesus commands us to, "Go into all the world and ____ the Gospel to all creatures." | E. preach      |
| 6. ____ As God's lamb I look forward to ____ in heaven.                                     | F. law         |

**Your Turn**

What job or jobs might you consider so that you can, "Feed God's Lambs", and "Tend God's Sheep"? Share and discuss your answer with the class.

## Hymn - TLH #428

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon;  
At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy  
By Thy blood.

I am trusting Thee to guide me;  
Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power;  
Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever  
And for all.

## Prayer

Lord Jesus,  
We too have often sinned by denying You. Thank You for forgiving us and for being our Good Shepherd. Please help us to consider being a pastor or teacher to feed Your lambs. Lead us safely home to You. Amen.