

# JOHN 21 vs 15

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John, one of the sons of thunder, who lived longer than the other disciples; that first group of followers of the Lord; who were all **eye-witnesses to Jesus Christ**; wrote these last words of the Good News of the One who started it all; whom they saw, whom they heard, whom they touched; the One who came from God; and for whom they willingly suffered and gave up their lives that we also might know what happened...

<sup>15</sup> So when they had eaten,

Jesus asked Simon Peter, Simon son of John,

do you **love** Me more than these ? / **agapas**;

He said to Him, yes Lord;

You know that I **like** You / **philo**, we know this word in the city: **Philadelphia**...phila = like + delphia = **brothers**; / clearly Peter responded: Yes Lord, you are like a brother to me; I like you a lot!

He said to him, **Feed My lambs** / this phrase is: **boske ta arnia mou**... **nourish the little lambs of Mine**.

<sup>16</sup> Jesus asked him again, Simon son of John, do you **love Me**? / how much time elapsed? We do not know.

He said to Him, Lord; You know I like You! / for a second time, Peter responds Lord, You know you are like a brother to me. I like you a lot!

He said to him, **Feed My sheep** / this phrase is: **pomaine ta probate mou**... Jesus first said, Feed the little ones. Now, He says, **shepherd the older ones**.

<sup>17</sup> He asked him a third time,

Simon, son of John, **phileis Me**? / **Do you really even like Me**? / and as if Jesus came down to Peter's level and says: I have been listening to you. Have you been hearing Me? Jesus says, I know where you came from. You are of John, Mr. I-go-fishing. but, do you really know where you are going?

Peter was grieved because He asked him a third time, **Do you even like Me as a brother**?

And he said to Him, Lord, You know all things; You know that I like you like a brother.



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## ➡ Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep.

Archbishop Trench wrote of these verses:

In the spiritual care of God's children, **the feeding of the flock from the Word of God** is the constant and regular necessity; it is to have the foremost place. The tending (which includes this, consists of other acts), but they are incidental in comparison with the feeding.

## ➡ When Jesus says to Peter, **feed MY sheep**, It is because the sheep belong to Him -- they always have and will belong to Jesus. He bought them with His blood! Already Jesus said to envious religious leaders, **I am the good Shepherd: I am the good Pastor: My sheep hear My voice, and they follow Me.**

**18 Amen! Amen! / of highest certainty, I say to you, When you were young, you dressed yourself, and went wherever you wanted to go:**

**but when you are old, you will stretch out your hand, and others will guide you, and take you where you do not want to go /** Jesus said to Peter, others will lead you contrary to your will and desires.

**19 This Jesus spoke, indicating by what death Peter would glorify God.**

**And when He said this, He also said to him, Join Me** / G. Campbell Morgan pointed out, 77 times in the gospel this means: don't lag behind, keep the pace with me. Isaiah knew all of us like dumb sheep, go astray, each to our own way. After all this very public conversation, Jesus says: Peter, **Join Me**. He had been going to the cross, but no longer, He is headed to rule all eternity.



**20 Then Peter, turning about, seeing the disciple whom Jesus loved, -- who had reclined on His chest at supper, who asked Him, Lord, who is it who betrays You?**

**21 Peter seeing him said to Jesus, Lord, what about this man?**

**22 Jesus said to him, If I desire that he remains, until I come again,** in other words, If it is My will that he lives twice as long as Methuselah lived; till the time of the Gentiles comes to an end...

**what is that to you?**

**Will you join Me?** because Jesus is now headed to rule all eternity; **so will you join Me?**

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<sup>23</sup> Then went this saying abroad among the brothers, that that disciple should **not** die / from the beginning Jesus noticed people in the church He is building; those following Him... have a difficult time listening and distinguishing between what the Lord actually said... or what they simply imagined He said.

Yet Jesus did not say to him, he will **not** die; but said, If I decide that he remains until I come, what is that to you?

<sup>24</sup> This is the disciple who testifies of these things / who gives witness and willingly gives his life... for these things, and wrote these things: and we see His testimony is true.

<sup>25</sup> And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which, if each and every thing was written, I suppose the whole world itself could not contain all the books that should be written. Amen.

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