

The Return of Peter

Narrator: Peter took a stone, threw it hard and saw it fall into the sea.

Peter: Ah, the sea of Tiberias! What beautiful memories I have of the times I came to fish on these beaches! So many things have happened lately! The arrest of Jesus, his crucifixion . . . finally, terrible things.

I'll never forget what happened. Jesus appeared to us a third time in this same place. He even served us breakfast.

Then he said to me, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" I was surprised by the question, but I said, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you!"

Jesus said to me, "Feed my lambs."

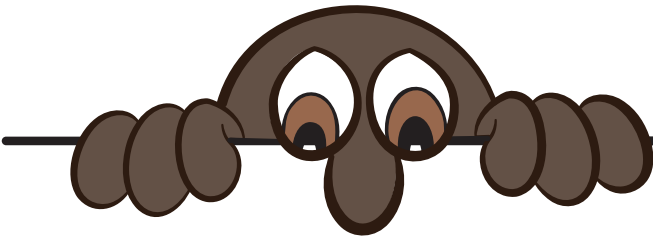
I miss the company of Jesus a lot. But you know what? Again he asked me, "Do you love me?" I couldn't understand why he asked me again, but I replied firmly, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you!" Jesus said to me, "Take care of my sheep."

However, after the second question, I began to remember things that had happened recently, when suddenly Jesus fixed his eyes on me and asked me again, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

I couldn't answer, I remembered that I had not been a loyal friend to him, I had denied him! I didn't deny him once, but three times. In the most difficult moments I was not with him.

I got up quickly and stretched out my arms for his forgiveness and said, "Lord, you know everything, you know that I love you." But this time, I said it with great humility, recognizing that Jesus' love for me was much greater than what I felt for him. Jesus said to me, "Feed my sheep."

Narrator: Peter always remembered this scene, but not with sadness, but with deep gratitude to the Lord for his mercy. He became one of the disciples who worked hard to spread the gospel.



Underline the correct answer to each question:

- When did Jesus and Peter have this conversation?
 - Before the crucifixion
 - After the resurrection
- What did Jesus mean when he asked Peter, "Do you love me more than these?"
 - That Peter loved Jesus more than he loved anyone else.
 - That Peter was the best disciple.
- What was Jesus asking Peter to do when he said, "Feed my sheep"?
 - To guide his followers.
 - To represent Christ on earth.
- How many times did Jesus ask Peter this question?
 - Six
 - Three