

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Epilogue Part 2 : The Last Call

John 21: 15-25

A CALL TO LOVE

"So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?' He said to Him, 'Yes, Lord; You know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my lambs.' He said to him again a second time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love Me?'"

A CALL TO LOVE (cont.)

*“He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.’
He said to him, ‘Shepherd My sheep.’ He said to him
a third time, ‘Simon, son of John, 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, ‘Tend My sheep.’”*

A CALL TO FOLLOW

"Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you to where you do not wish to go.' Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this He said to him, 'Follow Me.'"

A CALL TO COMMIT

"Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; the one who also had leaned back on His bosom at the supper and said, 'Lord, who is the one who betrays you?' So Peter, seeing him said, 'Lord, and what about this man?' Jesus said to him, 'If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You, follow Me!'"

A CALL TO COMMIT (cont.)

“Therefore this saying went out among the brethren that the disciple would not die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but only, ‘If I want him to remain until I come what is that to you?’ This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true.”

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