

# Don't Worry — You'll Be Crucified for Me

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**John 21:15-19 ESV**

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**15** 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, “Feed my lambs.” **16** He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, 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 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 everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

**18** Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” **19** (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

## Review:

Ch 19 Jesus is mockingly tried, tortured and crucified. Peter denies knowing Him on that infamous night. **John 18:15-18 and 25-27**

Ch 21 Peter, Thomas, John and four others went back to fishing on Galilee. Jesus comes to them in the early morning on the shoreline. Miraculous catch of fish. Breakfast is cooked and served by Jesus.

Charcoal fire #1: the fire of failure (Peter denies).

Charcoal fire #2: the fire of forgiveness (Peter confesses).

Ch 21: 1-14 Jesus feeds His disciples.

Ch 21: 15-17 Jesus calls His disciples to feed his sheep.  
Jesus publically reinstates Peter.

## 1) Jesus knew of Peter's love; He asked purposefully.

vs 17 — *Lord, you know everything, You know I love you.*

The Lord leads us and teaches us about Himself and ourselves.  
Psalm 32:8

The Lord is a patient teacher.  
Matt 11:28-29

Am I a passionate learner of Him?

What was one of the things that taught Peter He knows everything?

## 2) Jesus knew of Peter's fruitful life ahead.

A) Preaching the Gospel with power and authority.  
Acts chapters 2-8

B) Recording the words of Christ.  
Letters of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter

C) Leading the Church through persecution and hardship.  
1 Peter 4:12-19

D) Occasionally 'a little slow' or messes up.  
Acts 10 or Galatians 2:11-14

## 3) Jesus knew of Peter's faithful death ahead.

vs. 18-19

Eusebius' *Ecclesiastical History III* 1.1

There are worse things than persecution and martyrdom;

- idleness
- fleshliness
- heresy
- apostasy

Jesus' words did not bring dread but relief!

## IMPLICATIONS for ALL TRUE CHRISTIANS:

A) The Lord loves us despite our faults and failures.

B) The Lord uses our painful past for future glory.

C) The Lord speaks what we need to hear.

D) The Lord leads us where He's already been.