

**I. Introduction: Jesus appeared to His disciples again before He ascended into heaven, asking Peter, the leader of the Apostles, three times whether or not he loved Him.**

**II. Jesus Restores Relationships (John 21:12-17).**

**A. Jesus Served His Offenders (vv. 12-14).**

1. Jesus provided fish and bread for His disciples on the shore. Though they had failed Him, He served those who had wronged Him.

**B. Jesus Confronted His Offenders (vv. 15a, 16a, 17a).**

1. Jesus confronted Peter with his sin by asking him whether he loved Him. Peter confessed that he truly loved Jesus, and Jesus restored him.

**C. Jesus Redeemed His Offenders (vv. 15b, 16b, 17b).**

1. Jesus restored Peter to a leadership position after he had failed Him, demonstrating how Christians should treat those who have wronged them.

**III. Conclusion: Jesus pursued Peter and redeemed him, instructing him to care for His people though Peter had publicly denied Jesus three times.**

## Study Questions: Jesus Restores Relationships

1. Do you love Jesus? What do you do when you have failed Jesus? Have you sinned against Him? Do you need His forgiveness? Do you need to forgive someone? Who?
2. How did Jesus reappear to the disciples in Galilee? (**John 21:1-11**) What did they do instead of waiting for Him? (**John 21:1-3**) How did Jesus pursue them? (**John 21:4-8**)
3. How did Jesus serve the disciples on the Sea of Galilee? (**John 21:12-14**) What was the invitation that He gave? (**John 21:12**) What does Jesus' invitation show us about Him?
4. How did Jesus confront Peter with his sin? (**John 21:15a, 16a, 17a**) Why did Jesus refer to him as Simon? Who gave him the nickname Peter? (**Matt 16:17-18**) What did it mean?
5. Why did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him? (**John 21: 15a, 16a, 17a**) What was the "more than these"? Was He asking if Peter loved Him more than the disciples? More than fishing?
6. What was the significance of asking Peter three times, "do you love Me?" (**John 21:15-17**) What was Jesus telling Peter about his past denials? (**Matt 26:69-75**) How is this Good News?
7. How did Jesus restore Peter three times publicly? (**John 21:15b, 16b, 17b**) What instructions did Jesus give to Peter regarding His people? What does it mean to tend Jesus' sheep?
8. Does Jesus know if you love Him? Do you need to reaffirm your love for Him? Do you need forgiveness? Have you sinned against God? Is there someone that you need to forgive?

### Prayer

1. Pray that God would restore you if you have sinned against Him.
2. Ask God to help you extend forgiveness to someone who has sinned against you.