

A Big Picture of God's Amazing Grace

John 21:15-25; Mk.14:66-72

Introduction

Background material:

1. We have been considering the third resurrection appearance of Jesus to the disciples:
 1. Jesus appeared briefly, (as far as we know), to the 10 disciples in Jerusalem.
 2. Again, He appeared briefly, (as far as we know), to the 11 disciples in Jerusalem.
 3. He appeared for an extended period to the seven disciples at the Sea of Galilee. (Jn.21)
2. Peter's boast (Jn.13:37-38; Matt.26:33)
 1. Peter's claimed willingness to die for Jesus (Jn.13:37-38)
 2. Peter's boast of superior loyalty to Jesus (Matt.26:33)
 3. Peter's three denials (Jn.18:12ff; Mk.14:66-72; Matt.26:75)
 4. Peter was privately reinstated (Lk.24:13-35; Mk.16:7)
1. Jesus: Preparing Peter for future ministry—Pride (Jn.21:15)
 1. What does, "do you love me more than these," mean? (21:15; Jn.13:37; Matt.26:33)
 2. Jesus: Addressing Peter's failure (Mk.9:33ff; 10:35-45)
 1. Pride in human wisdom, ability and giftedness to conduct ministry
 2. This is the pride that divides workers in God's kingdom
2. Jesus: Preparing Peter for future ministry—Love (Jn.21:15,16,17)
 1. A person might be orthodox in faith
 2. We may be weak in faith
 3. Jesus knew Peter's boasts and his three-fold denial
 4. Peter's response (21:15,16,17)
3. Jesus: Preparing Peter for future practical ministry—Pastoral calling (Jn.21:15,16,18)
 1. Amazing,
 2. Three principles:
 1. Exercise utmost care
 2. Exercise singular love

3. Exercise great care in teaching the gospel

4. Jesus: Preparing Peter for future ministry—Christ centered obedience (21:19,22)

1. Jesus: Claim to deity (21:19,22,15,16,17,17,22)

1. "Follow me" (21:19,22) (unqualified)

2. Feed My lambs not your lambs (21:15,16,17)

3. Peter's profession (21:17)

4. Love for Jesus (21:15,16,17)

5. Reference to John and how long he would live (21:22)

2. Conducting Biblical ministry as assigned by God (21:20-22)

5. Jesus: Preparing Peter for future ministry—The cost of following Christ (crucifixion) (21:18-19)

1. Jesus' predictions are always true

2. Suffering/martyrdom awaited him

3. There is no such thing as luck, chance, or accident in our journey through life

4. Peter is not promised earthly success and temporal rewards but suffering, death and the cross

Conclusion