

Peter, do you love me? 5/5/19

In today's readings we encounter the risen Lord at the sea of Tiberias, He had one question for Peter and by extension for the rest of his disciples through the ages like you and me. The question is do you love me? Let us ask ourselves in our hearts replacing Peter's name with our own. What is our response? Peter said yes 'Lord you know I love you.'

To show how much he loved the Lord, take a look at the first reading. The first thing they did to show that they loved the Lord was to obey him: 'we must obey God rather than men'. They were even happy to have been made to suffer for Jesus. Love begets joyful commitment.

In the second reading, John saw a vision in which every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea cried out blessings and honor to the one who sits on the throne (God) and to the lamb (Christ).The second reading reminds us that those who

love the Lord must worship him; they must bless and honor his name through their words and deeds.

Beloved, it is our time to respond to Jesus' question: Do you love me? If you do, how do you show it? Do you freely live your faith? Let us hold on firmly to our faith in a faithless world and learn like Peter to demonstrate how deeply we love the risen Lord by what we do. Let us all learn to be shepherds like Jesus.