

# Restored to Service

*John 21.15-17*

**Jesus: restoration specialist Mt 12.20**

**1. Background: why it was necessary**

***Peter's proud boast John 13.37;***

***Mt 26.31-35; Mk 14.27-31; Lk 22.33-34***

***and subsequent failure John 18.12-27;***

***Mt 26.69-75; Mk 14.66-72; Lk 22.56-62***

***pride comes before a fall***

***Prov 16.18; 1 Cor 10.12; Eccl 5.5***

**2. Process: how it was accomplished**

➤ **The setting: a fellowship meal v15**

➤ **The key issue: do you love me?  
v15**

***a question of commitment***

➤ **The crucial phrase:**

***more than these v15  
these things - career,***

*leisure pursuits  
these people - friends, family*

*Mat 10.37-38*

*these other examples of loyalty*

*Rom 14.4,12-13; 1 Pet 5.5*

*humility is crucial for service*

➤ **The heart-searching:**

*total commitment to Jesus*

*or just Jesus' company?*

*Jesus knows our heart*

*and our history v17; 2.25*

*much forgiveness = much love*

*Luke 7.47*

**3. Completion: commissioning**

*as a fisherman and shepherd vs 15-17*

*evangelist and pastor*

*decisions and disciples Mt 28.19*

*lambs and sheep – new and old*

*teaching and caring – tasks for all*

*Col 3.16; 1 Thess 5.11,15;*

*Gal 6.1-2; 1 John 3.16-18*