



## Tour Preparation: Hope Restored

**Jesus is alive! Hope walked out of the grave! The Resurrection is a reality! Now what? The Disciples are going on a world tour but world tours need preparation and planning.**

**Jesus didn't leave His followers directionless. For 40 days Jesus walked among them, teaching, restoring, bringing hope to His followers, preparing those who would go on tour to bring His hope to the world. Welcome to the Hope Tour.**

During the forty days after He suffered and died, He appeared to the apostles from time to time, and He proved to them in many ways that He was actually alive. And He talked to them about the Kingdom of God. Acts 1:3

**Jesus proved He was alive to restore their lost hope.**

## **Hope Comes from Returning to Your FIRST LOVE**

But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first! Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. Revelation 2:4-5a

**Ephesus, you're mine, but you need to be restored.**

## **Jesus is Arrested**

**Peter enters the courtyard outside the trial.**

The woman asked Peter, "You're not one of that man's disciples, are you?" "No," he said, "I am not." John 18:17

**1<sup>st</sup> Denial Remember he bragged, I'd die you!**

But why can't I come now, Lord?" he asked. "I'm ready to die for you." Jesus answered, "Die for me? I tell you the truth, Peter—before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me. John 13:37-38

**Peter is in the courtyard.**

Because it was cold, the household servants and the guards had made a charcoal fire. They stood around it, warming themselves, and Peter stood with them, warming himself. John 18:18

**Inside the building, Jesus is being interrogated and beaten.**

Meanwhile, as Simon Peter was standing by the fire warming himself, they asked him again, "You're not one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it, saying, "No, I am not." John 18:25

But one of the household slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Didn't I see you out there in the olive grove with Jesus?" Again Peter denied it. And immediately a rooster crowed. John 18:26-27

**Luke 22 adds that Peter remembered Jesus' words and wept.**

**Not knowing where Jesus was or what His plans were, the disciples went back to what they knew, fishing.**

He called out, "Children, have you caught any fish?"  
"No," they replied. John 21:5

Then He said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!" So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it. John 21:6

**They recognized the Lord's presence in everyday miracles.  
Rowed to shore.**

When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a **charcoal fire**, and some bread. John 21:9

**Jesus cooked the fish they caught and the bread he made.**

**Charcoal fire. Jesus met Peter at the same place he had failed. There, He restores Him. The place of betrayal becomes the place of breakfast or a communion meal.**

**This breakfast is full of memories. Fish and Bread. Charcoal fire. Smells trigger memories. The burnt charcoal smell would remind Peter of how he denied Jesus. God was about to redeem that smell!**

After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love (*agapeo*) me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.” “Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him. John 21:15

Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?” “Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.” “Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said. John 21:16

**Same response from Peter different commission from Jesus.**

A third time He asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love (*phileo*) me?” Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love (*phileo*) you.” Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep. John 21:17

**He restores Peter’s relationship with Jesus by making Peter declare his love for the Lord 3 times. Once for every denial.**

## **Hope comes from Accepting Your CALLING**

### **Feed My Lambs**

Care for the youngest, frailest in the flock.  
Nurture children and new believers.

### **Shepherd My Sheep**

To tend or govern. It’s more than feeding it protecting and guiding, the whole flock. Care for safety and direction of others.

### **Feed My Sheep**

Feed the mature believers. Feed them the unfiltered words of the Kingdom of God.

**Little ones need to be bottle fed. Adults need a shepherd.  
Mature ones need to be challenged by the word.**

## **Hope comes from being RESTORED and COMMISSIONED**

**Being restored gives us the right self-image, hope for a better life.  
Being commissioned gives us purpose, hope for a meaningful life.**

**Failure → Restoration → Commissioning**

**Commissioning restores hope by giving purpose.**

**My Next Steps TODAY:**

- Attend Membership Class Today.**
- Mark your calendars for Mother's Day.**

### **Tithes & Offering**

If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord—and He will repay you! Proverbs 19:17

**When you give to the church we care for the poor.**

**Next week: The Hope of the Holy Spirit.**