

“Simon, realize where love for Me and Truth will lead you. What happened to Me will happen to you, when you follow on My Way. The unfriendly and unloving will approach you, not to return the godly friendship and love you offer in My Name, but to obstruct you and to put an end to your work - even to your life. The Adverse Spirit of this world inspires many in his relentless work to overturn Mine.

“So Peter, you formerly girded yourself to go where you pleased. If you love Me in deeds, you will come to the moment when others will bind your waist and lead you away like a tethered animal. They will drag you to a place of execution. This will be a journey to a place you had no intention or desire to go. That is where the oath of love you made to Me today will be tested. That is where your loyalty to Me will lead and that will answer how much you love Me.”

19. This was the word of divine prophecy Jesus gave His co-shepherd, citing the type of death that would be meted out to him. Crucifixion would be his lot, the same form of execution that Jesus Himself endured, the one that Peter feared would be the one he avoided only a fortnight before by three deliberate denials. To love is to shepherd, to lead and defend, to risk and endure... and modeling Jesus, to become a lamb of sacrifice.
20. While declaring the last part of this prophecy Jesus had taken Peter away from the others and communed with him in a personal way, privately. Learning so graphically what love-commitment generally entails distracted Peter as to its universal application.  
 He understood now Jesus was prophesying, and wondered how it might apply to the other disciples there who had also betrayed the Lord and were also making a love-commitment to His Mission.  
 What would happen to them?  
 “At that moment Peter, hearing someone approaching, turned around and saw that it was the ‘beloved’ disciple, myself, John. I was the one who had faced Jesus at the Last Supper and had asked at Peter’s behest: ‘Lord, which one of us is going to betray You?’ Peter knew I alone had stood by the Lord at Calvary.
21. “Thus distracted, Peter called Jesus’ attention to me, John the Beloved, and out of pure inquisitiveness asked the Lord: ‘And what about him; how will John end up?’”

