

Thought for the day – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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I am reminded of Jesus, in [John's Gospel](#), restoring Peter, after He rose from the dead. Jesus appears to Peter, and asks him three times if he loved him, giving him three opportunities to reverse his previous denial of knowing Jesus, when he was arrested. He then gives Peter a task to do, to be the next Shepherd of God's people – "feed my sheep, care for them". Peter then sees another disciple and asks Jesus, "Lord what about him"...and Jesus replies... to the words of the effect of, don't be distracted by him, "you must follow me."

We, at this time, could ask the Lord, "what about"...what about the financial challenge we face, what about the works to the building that is urgent, what about the asbestos that hangs over us, what about the scary times we live in, what about our health, what about the arguments and divisions in the church of England.....all good "what abouts".

But the Lord says to us, 'leave all that to me - you must follow me.'

So, let us follow Jesus. Together.