

John 21 read

What a lesson that is. John tells us here, now don't jump to conclusions, don't draw inferences from it. The conclusion was taken by these people he wouldn't die. It certainly sounded like it, didn't it? It sounded very much like it. And if Jesus had come back before he died, I am sure people would have said, ~~Look~~ Look, isn't this exact fulfillment? He said that he would tarry till he comes, and he has. But John points out, John didn't know, for all John knew, Jesus might come back while he was still there. But John points out, don't you take this and carry it beyond what it says. Jesus didn't say you shall not die, but He said, If I will that ye tarry till I come, what is that to thee?

"This is the disciple which testifieth of these things***I suppose that not even the world itself could contain the books that could be written."

I think it is easy to understand why Peter would grieve. Peter was one of the first disciples. Peter had gone with Jesus when most men forsook Him, when the disciples all turned and fled Peter followed him. Peter went right into the high priest's house, in order to find out what was going to happen, and all the others had fled in terror. So we have good reason to think that Peter was more devoted to Jesus than any other, and yet when Peter was there in the home of the high priest, you remember, when he was there in the court, you remember that he was in taste with the danger, and lost control of himself and denied his Lord. And now Christ was raised from the dead. Peter had seen Him. He had sent Mary Magdalene to tell the disciples and Peter that He would go before them. Peter felt that all of this was forgiven, and yet Jesus asked, "Do you love me?" Simon Peter, Simon son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? and he asked him again, and he asked him a third time.

Now, the Greek words used here, there are two different words used, and I have read a good many statements about the discussion of the use of the two words which sometimes seems to add confusion instead of understanding,