

Peter Denies Jesus

Who Was Peter

- Originally Named Simon and Named Peter by Jesus
- Called By Jesus to Follow Him, Miraculous Catch of Fish
- Part of the inner circle
- Present at the transfiguration
- First to Confess Jesus as “Son of the living God”, divinely revealed
- Challenged by Jesus to Walk on Water
- Tasked with preparing the final Passover meal
- Foundational in the building of the church

Peter's Denials – The Build Up

- Luke 22:28-34
- ²⁸ “But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. ²⁹ And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed *one* upon Me, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”
- ³¹ And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift *you* as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to *Me*, strengthen your brethren.”
- ³³ But he said to Him, “Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.”
- ³⁴ Then He said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me.”

Peter's Denials – The Events

Luke 22:54-62

⁵⁴ Having arrested Him, they led *Him* and brought Him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵ Now when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶ And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him."

⁵⁷ But he denied Him, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him."

⁵⁸ And after a little while another saw him and said, "You also are of them."

But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

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⁵⁹ Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, “Surely this *fellow* also was with Him, for he is a Galilean.”

⁶⁰ But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are saying!”

Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” ⁶² So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Peter's Response

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Why Did Peter Weep Bitterly?

- A) Scared Caught Out
- B) One Memory of what Jesus said
- C) The truth of years' worth of experiences

Relationship, Opportunities and Experiences

- You
 - Obey
 - Declare
 - Ask
 - Trust
- Others
 - Teaching
 - Witnessing
 - Growing the kingdom

Acts 1:8 “and you will be my witness...to the ends of the Earth”.

Questions to Ponder

- Do we believe when we mess up that we are still forgiven enough to be able to achieve great things? Do we let the times we mess up/missed opportunities hold us back?
- Do we have personal examples where we have ended up denying God or if not denying then playing down God when in front of others?
- Do we pray for the little things or do we forget to? Do people have notes of little miracles/prayers answered?
- Are we following Peter's example of Witness? Are we being bold and introducing people to the Holy Spirit, asking for miracles?
- Are we putting ourselves in a position to give others the opportunity to experience their mighty God? What could we practically do to do this more/start doing this?

