

The Difference Faith in Jesus Can Make (John 21 vs 15-19)

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Luke Ch 22 vs 31,32 (TNIV)

Immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken. 'Before the cock crows, you will disown me three times.' And he went outside and wept bitterly. Matthew 26 vs 75 (TNIV)

When Judas who had betrayed him saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. 'I have sinned,' he said, 'for I have betrayed innocent blood.'.. then he went away and hanged himself. Matthew 27 vs 3-5 (TNIV)

1. Peter finds hope

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2., even if Jesus is the one you have betrayed

3. Peter learns what it means

'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' Mark 16 vs 6-7 (TNIV)

Then they got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.'

Luke Ch 24 vs 33,34 (TNIV)

4. Peter learns what it means

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' 'Yes Lord, he said, 'you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.' Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.' The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him a third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep.' John 21 vs 15-17 (TNIV)

5. Peter learned to strengthen

And the God of grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever Amen 1 Peter 5:10,11 (TNIV)

6. Peter, if you follow me,

Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.' Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, 'Follow me!' John Ch 21 vs 18,19 (TNIV)