

GRACE COMMUNION CHURCH

**I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS**

HYDERABAD

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and  
Become a Blessing*

# MAT 26

**31 THEN JESUS SAID TO THEM, “ALL OF YOU WILL BE MADE TO STUMBLE BECAUSE OF ME THIS NIGHT, FOR IT IS WRITTEN:**

**‘I WILL STRIKE THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK WILL BE SCATTERED.’ 32 BUT AFTER I HAVE BEEN RAISED, I WILL GO BEFORE YOU TO GALILEE.” 33**

**PETER ANSWERED AND SAID TO HIM, “EVEN IF ALL ARE MADE TO STUMBLE BECAUSE OF YOU, I WILL NEVER BE MADE TO STUMBLE.” 34**

**JESUS SAID TO HIM, “ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU THAT THIS NIGHT, BEFORE THE ROOSTER CROWS, YOU WILL DENY ME THREE TIMES.” 35**

**PETER SAID TO HIM, “EVEN IF I HAVE TO DIE WITH YOU, I WILL NOT DENY YOU!”**

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# LUKE 22

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.”



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# THE CONFIDENT PETER

- **PETER WAS COMMITTED**
- **PETER WAS SELF-CONFIDENT**
- **PETER RIDICULED THE SCRIPTURES**
- **PETER RIDICULED JESUS**
- **PETER CHALLENGED JESUS**

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# WHY THREE TIMES?

- **PETER WAS STUBBORN**
- **PETER SAID HE WILL DO THREE THINGS**
- **TO TEACH WE CAN DO NOTHING BY OURSELVES**

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# LUKE 22

**<sup>59</sup> THEN AFTER ABOUT AN HOUR HAD PASSED, ANOTHER CONFIDENTLY AFFIRMED, SAYING, “SURELY THIS FELLOW ALSO WAS WITH HIM, FOR HE IS A GALILEAN.” <sup>60</sup> BUT PETER SAID, “MAN, I DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU ARE SAYING!” IMMEDIATELY, WHILE HE WAS STILL SPEAKING, THE ROOSTER CROWED. <sup>61</sup> 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.” <sup>62</sup> SO PETER WENT OUT AND WEPT BITTERLY.**

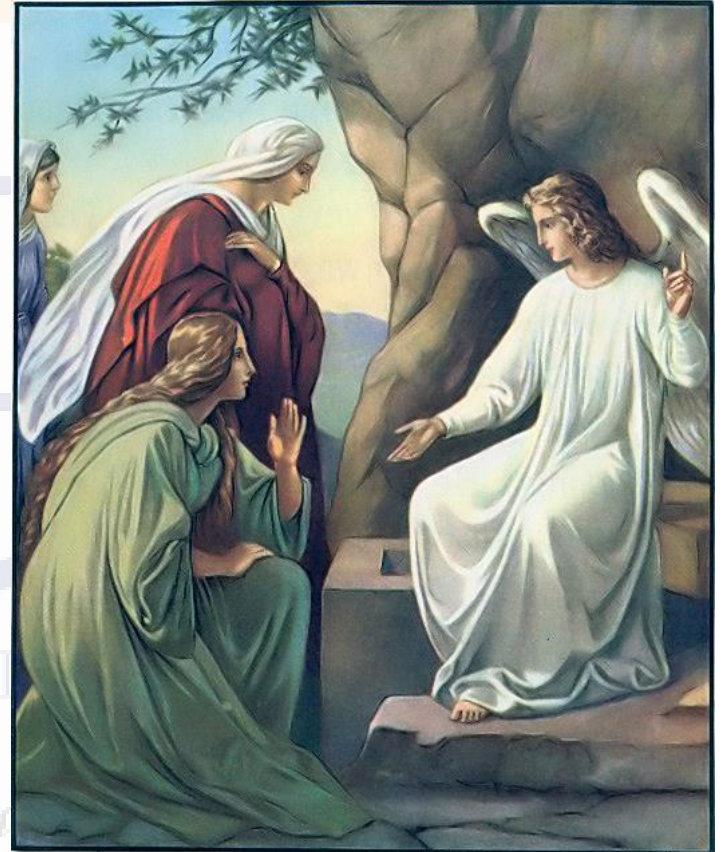


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# JESUS RESTORING PETER

**MARK 16:6**

**BUT HE SAID TO THEM, “DO NOT BE ALARMED. YOU SEEK JESUS OF NAZARETH, WHO WAS CRUCIFIED. HE IS RISEN! HE IS NOT HERE. SEE THE PLACE WHERE THEY LAID HIM.  
7 BUT GO, TELL HIS DISCIPLES—AND PETER—THAT HE IS GOING BEFORE YOU INTO GALILEE; THERE YOU WILL SEE HIM, AS HE SAID TO YOU.”**



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# JESUS RESTORING PETER

## JOHN 21

15 SO WHEN THEY HAD EATEN BREAKFAST, JESUS SAID TO SIMON PETER, “SIMON, SON OF JONAH, **DO YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN THESE?**” HE SAID TO HIM, “YES, LORD; YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU.” HE SAID TO HIM, “FEED MY LAMBS.” <sup>16</sup> HE SAID TO HIM AGAIN A SECOND TIME, “SIMON, SON OF JONAH, DO YOU LOVE ME?” HE SAID TO HIM, “YES, LORD; YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU.” HE SAID TO HIM, “TEND MY SHEEP.” <sup>17</sup> HE SAID TO HIM THE THIRD TIME, “SIMON, SON OF JONAH, DO YOU LOVE ME?” PETER WAS GRIEVED BECAUSE HE SAID TO HIM THE THIRD TIME, “DO YOU LOVE ME?” AND HE SAID TO HIM, “LORD, YOU KNOW ALL THINGS; YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU.”

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# LESSONS

- WE SHOULD BE COMMITTED TO FOLLOW JESUS
- WE CANNOT FOLLOW JESUS WITH OUR SELF-CONFIDENCE
- THOUGH WE FAIL JESUS, HE NEVER FAILS US
- WE SHOULD MOVE FROM SELF-CONFIDENCE TO GOD-CONFIDENCE

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Let us keep looking at **JESUS**.  
Our faith comes from Him

**&** He is the one who makes it **PERFECT**.

He **did not give up** when He had  
to suffer shame and die on a cross.

He knew His **JOY**  
would come later.

Hebrews 12:2

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