

“The Resurrection Changed Everything”

Many people think Jesus is the Messiah.

Those who believe in the Resurrection, know Jesus is the Messiah.

Come and See

Luke 5:4-6 NLT

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.”

“Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. But if you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.” And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear!

Come and Follow

Matthew 4:19-20 NLT

Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Three years later, Peter makes a commitment.

Matthew 26:31-35 NLT

On the way, Jesus told them, “Tonight **all of you** will desert me. **For the Scriptures say**, ‘God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I have been raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there.” Peter declared, “Even if **everyone else** deserts you, **I will never** desert you.” Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me.” “No!” Peter insisted. “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!” And all the other disciples vowed the same.

Question: Have you ever promised God that you would never sin in a certain way again but later, you sinned in that exact way again?

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Peter **denied Jesus** three times.

Matthew 26:69-75 NLT

Meanwhile, Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came over and said to him, “You were one of those with Jesus the Galilean.” But **Peter denied** it in front of everyone. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.

Later, out by the gate, another servant girl noticed him and said to those standing around, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” Again **Peter denied** it, this time with an oath. “I don’t even know the man,” he said. A little later some of the other bystanders came over to Peter and said, “You must be one of them; we can tell by your Galilean accent.” Peter swore, “A curse on me if I’m lying—**I don’t know the man!**” And **immediately** the rooster crowed. Suddenly, Jesus’ words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me.” And he went away, weeping bitterly.

What Jesus had told Peter, happened just as he had said.

Luke 22:60-61 NLT

But Peter said, “Man, I don’t know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. At that moment the **Lord turned and looked** at Peter.

Peter denied Jesus while Jesus was being beaten and mocked

Mark 15:17-19 NLT

They dressed him in a purple robe, and they wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head. Then they saluted him and taunted, “Hail! King of the Jews!” And they struck him on the head with a reed stick, spit on him, and dropped to their knees in mock worship.

Luke 22:64 NLT

They blindfolded him and said, “Prophecy to us! Who hit you that time?”

Have you denied Jesus with your words or with your works?

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Titus 1:16 NKJV

They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him

The resurrection **changed everything, a new beginning.**

John 21:3-6 NLT

Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing." "We'll come, too," they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night. At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who he was. He called out, "Fellows, have you caught any fish?" "No," they replied. Then he said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!" So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

John 21:18-19 NLT

"I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don't want to go." Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, "**Follow me.**"

Matthew 16:24 NLT

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, **you must give up your own way**, take up your cross, and **follow me.**

Matthew 26:58 NLT

Meanwhile, Peter **followed him at a distance** and came to the high priest's courtyard. He went in and sat with the guards and waited to see how it would all end.

Do you follow Jesus? Are you following Jesus at a distance?

Peter became a great **leader** and preacher.

Acts 2:15-17 NLT

Peter said.....These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming.... No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: 'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.

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Acts 3:6 NLT

Peter said, “I don’t have any silver or gold for you. But I’ll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!”

Act 4:12 NLT

There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”

Acts 5:15 NLT

As a result of the apostles’ work, sick people were brought out into the streets on beds and mats so that Peter’s shadow might fall across some of them as he went by.

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There is a huge difference between thinking Jesus is God and **knowing Jesus is God.**

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