

The Gospel of John: That You Might Believe

“Peter”

(John 21)

Introduction:

1. Have you ever felt like you let someone down, and because of your actions, someone else gets hurt?
2. I’ve been a Christian for more than 30 years, and yet, I still at times find that I am light years away from where I should be.
3. During those 30 years, I’ve seen many victories, done many things right and well, however during that same time, I’ve failed too many times to be full of pride.
4. Think of the “ups and downs” of Peter’s life as a disciple of Jesus.
5. Let’s look at how Jesus deals with Peter and take hope in his restoration.

I. Peter Denied The Lord Three Times

- A. (John 18:15-27).
- B. (Luke 2:61) Jesus saw and heard Peter’s denial.
- C. Peter ran out, weeping bitterly because of his failure.

II. The Steps To Peter’s Restoration

- A. A desire for Peter is expressed.
 1. (Mark 16:7)
 2. Too often, we “write off” those who sin against us.
 3. (Matthew 18:21-35).
- B. A recalling of better times.
 1. (John 21:1-7).
 2. (Luke 5:1-8).
 3. (Revelation 2:5).
 4. Sometimes when we fall, it’s good to go back to where it all began.
- C. A desire to be restored.
 1. (John 21:7).
 2. In his heart he still loved the Lord, but his actions were weak.
 3. (Psalm 25:7; Romans 7:15-25).
- D. Confrontation over the sin.
 1. (John 21:15-17).
 2. Difficulties with this section:
 - a. Do you love me more than “these.”
 - b. “Agape” and “Phileo.”
 - c. Three commissions - three offenses.
- E. Don’t shift discussion to others.
 1. (John 21:20-22).
 2. Personal confrontation is not easy, but it is necessary.

Conclusion:

1. Peter never stopped loving the Lord, and the Lord never stopped loving him.
2. However, Peter’s actions required repentance and the Lord made this possible.
3. What about your life and your relationship with Jesus? Do you have a need to be restored?

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“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name”

(John 20:31).

Responses To The Identity of Jesus

- The Identity of Jesus
- The Woman at the Well
- The Believing Nobleman
- The Jews
- The Five Thousand
- The Adulterous Woman
- The Blind Man
- Lazarus
- Pilate
- Thomas
- Peter

The Fourfold Witness

- John The Baptist
- The Works of Jesus
- The Father
- The Scriptures

The Claims of Jesus

- I Am The Bread of Life
- I Am The Light of the World
- I Am The Door
- I Am The Good Shepherd
- I Am The Resurrection and Life
- I Am The Way, Truth, & Life
- I Am The True Vine

Today’s Lessons:

- A.M. - *Peter*
- P.M. - *I Am The True Vine*