

Jesus RESTORES

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1. Jesus Predicted Peter’s Denials.

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2. Peter Denied Jesus and Wept Bitterly.

Luke 22:54-60

⁵⁴ So they arrested him and led him to the high priest’s home. And Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵ The guards lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter joined them there. ⁵⁶ A servant girl noticed him in the firelight and began staring at him. Finally, she said, “This man was

one of Jesus' followers!" ⁵⁷ But Peter denied it. "Woman," he said, "I don't even know him!" ⁵⁸ After a while someone else looked at him and said, "You must be one of them!" "No, man, I'm not!" Peter retorted. ⁵⁹ About an hour later someone else insisted, "This must be one of them, because he is a Galilean, too." ⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

Luke 22:61-62 (NLT)

⁶¹ At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord's words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me." ⁶² And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.

3. Peter Was Restored Into Fellowship With Christ.

John 21:7, 15-17 (NLT)

⁷ Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore.

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When you repent, Jesus will RESTORE you. Your repentance positions you to be used greatly by Jesus.

Acts 2:14-17, 38, 41 (NLT)

¹⁴ Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. ¹⁶ No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.

³⁸ Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.