The Touch of the Master’s Hand - A Man Called Peter

“The Devil in Blue Jeans”

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2 Corinthians 11:13-15

Introduction:

A. The moral of the opening story is: the ________ can use anyone to lead someone into ____________ - he can even act through a ____________.

B. In today’s story, we will see Peter ___________ Jesus, and then we will see Jesus ___________ Peter.

C. It is surprising that Peter would need to be ________ right after he was ________.

I. The Story

A. Our challenge in feeling what the disciples must have felt in response to this announcement of Jesus is that this is _______ _________ to us.

1. The thought that their Master and Teacher would be _________ in Jerusalem hit them like a punch in the stomach!

B. Peter did what we generally do when we think someone we love is talking “________ talk,” he pulled Jesus aside so that he could set Him _________.

C. Why did Peter do it?

1. Because he __________ Jesus.

2. Because he did not ______________ God’s ________.

3. Because he thought he knew ________ ________ better than Jesus did.

4. Because he wanted a __________ without a ________.

D. Why did Jesus rebuke Peter so strongly?

1. Because of Peter’s ignorant ____________.

2. Because Jesus knew that _________ was behind Peter’s well-meaning words.

3. So that Peter would later understand how important the ________ would be.

E. Jesus then used this powerful moment of rebuke to teach Peter and all the disciples that those who follow Jesus must take the _______ path – the path of the ________.

II. The Application

A. First, we realize that sometimes ______ people unknowingly do the ______ work.

B. Second, we realize that our closest _________ may sometimes become our worst _________.

1. When we set out to __________ the Lord, Satan is going to try to ________ us one way or another.

C. We need to be aware that our ____________ and ___________ often come back to back.

Conclusion:

A. Though a person falls again and again, it is the ___________ _____ that marks the dedicated and faithful follower of Christ.

B. Story of missionary John Paton.

C. Sometimes our problem boils down to the fact that we want something God doesn’t offer: A padded cross, a shiny cross, a comfortable cross, a cross without any blood or pain.