

# And Peter

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Easter is a declaration of hope in a time of hopelessness and a message of life in the midst of death.

- This is a time of world-wide crisis – The world is falling apart.
- It's a hopelessness we all can feel.
- If we have ever needed hope from God, it is right now.

God wants you to personally experience hope and the resurrection power of Jesus - Today

### 1. **The Night Jesus Is Arrested**

Jesus said, "All of you are going to leave and abandon me tonight."

**Matthew 26:33-35** - Peter declared, If everyone else deserts you, I won't. Jesus told him, The truth is that this very night, before the rooster crows at dawn, you will deny me three times! I would die first! I will never Deny You, Peter insisted.

- Peter goes from having courage in the presence of Jesus, to being gripped with fear.
- Peter sees Jesus arrested and condemned to die.
- His faith is completely shaken.
- We've all had times when our lives and faith have been completely shaken.
- Now is that time for most of the world.

### 2. **Peter Denies and Disowns Jesus Three Times**

- Peter denied Jesus to a teenage girl
- Peter denied Jesus with an oath to another young girl
- Peter also denied Jesus to a group

**Matthew 26:74-75** - Then he began to curse and swear, saying, I do not know the man, immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times. So he went out and wept violently, bitterly, loudly and cried and cried and cried.

- Peter experienced the gut-wrenching cry of grief and regret
- Peter saw Jesus crucified, die, and be buried
- His life completely falls apart and he loses all hope

- Something died in Peter
- It's over for Peter!
- Except, it is not, because on the third day...
- Women went to the tomb
- The Stone was rolled away

**Mark 16:5-7** - As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. Don't be alarmed, he said. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples **AND PETER**, He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.

What did Hearing "**AND PETER**" feel like for Peter?

- My sin is the end
- My shame isn't how I am
- His love restores the purpose of my life!

### 3. What Does Hearing "And Peter" Actually Mean For Us?

- It means forgiveness – I haven't sinned beyond his love for me.
- It means acceptance – God hasn't rejected me.
- It means freedom from my sin and shame – A sacrifice and love greater than my sin.
- Shame will make Jesus' sacrifice irrelevant – It doesn't include me.
- Today, I was you to hear **YOUR** name, "and go tell (Your Name)"
- Jesus dies for all!
- Jesus died for you!