

Peter denies Jesus

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⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said.

⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.

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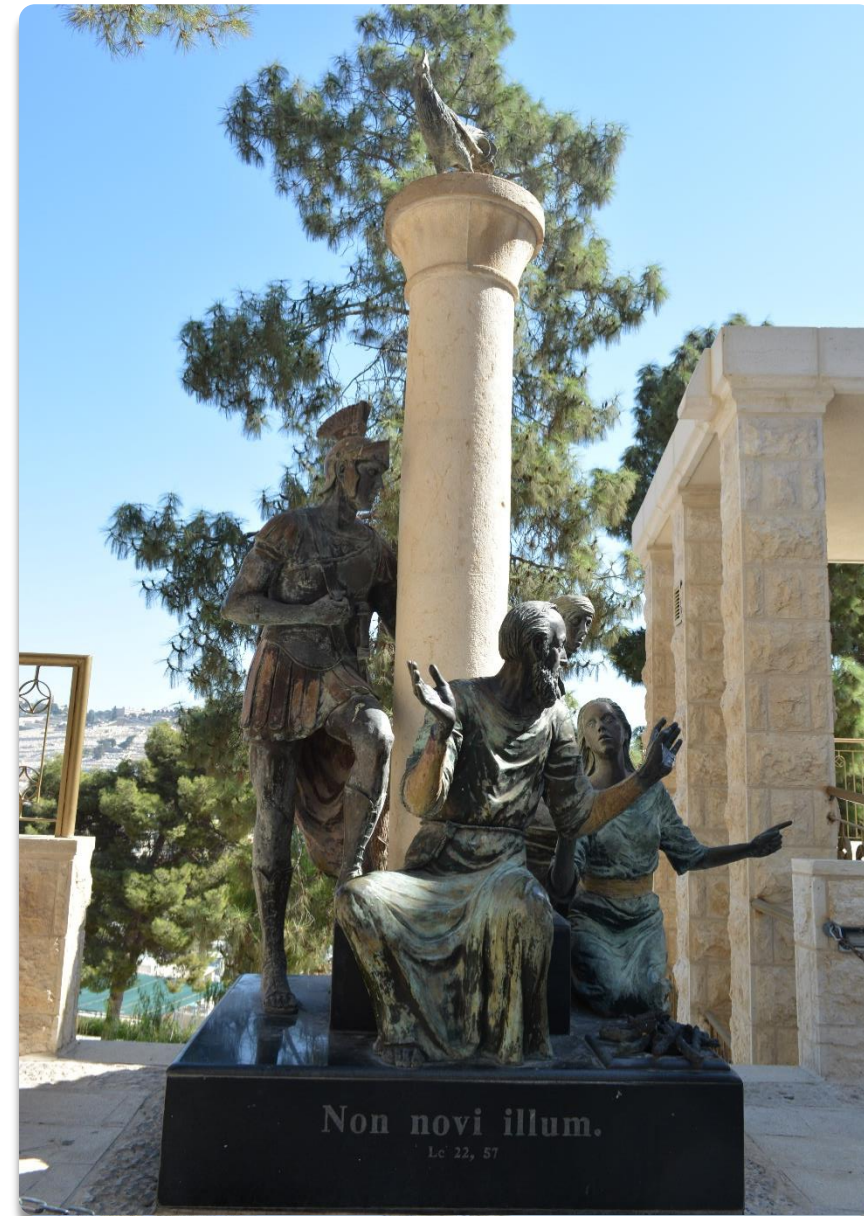
⁷¹ Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

⁷² He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!”

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⁷³ After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.”

74 Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man
Immediately a rooster crowed.



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⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

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* What does loyalty mean to you?

* What are some of your greatest fears?



Personal Reflection

EXPLORE THE PASSAGE

1. Where was Peter?
2. Who approached Peter?
3. How did Peter respond to the servant girl's question?
4. When another girl approached Peter, what did she say?
5. How did Peter handle the second girl's claim?



6. Why did a third group of people insist that Peter had to be a follower of Christ?
7. What extreme reaction did Peter have to the allegation that he was a follower of Christ?
8. What happened when Peter denied knowing Christ?
9. What memory did the cock's crow trigger in Peter's mind?
10. How did Peter react when he realized what he had done?



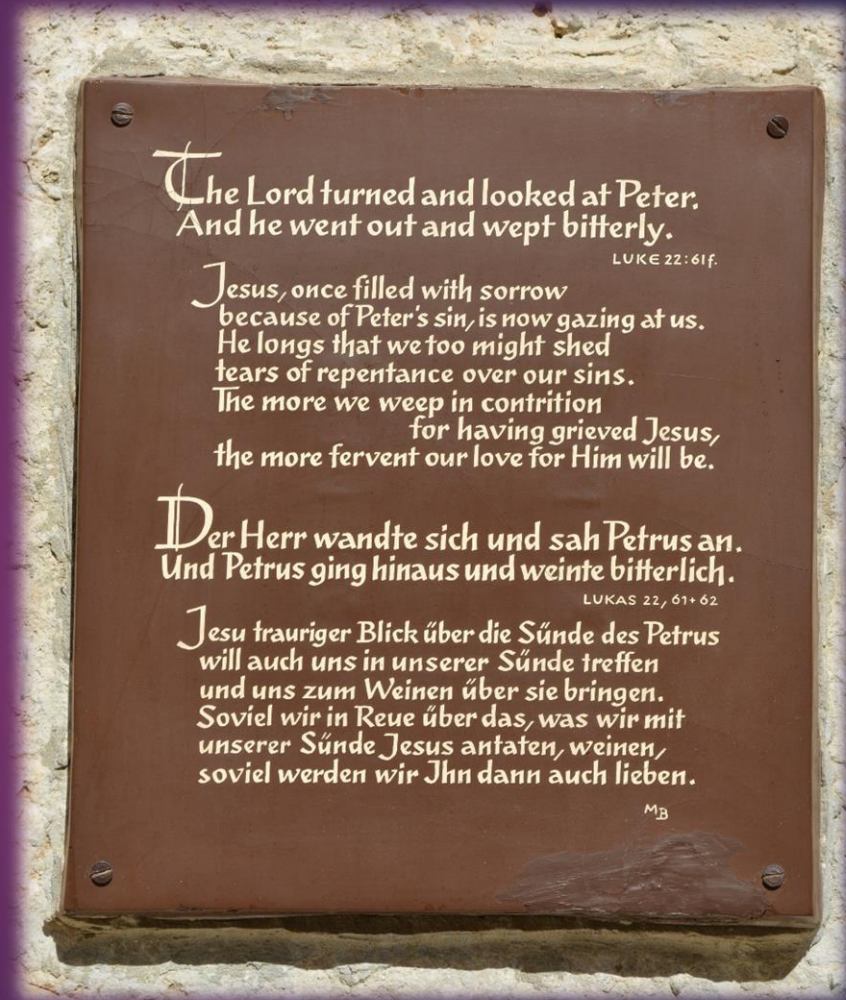
EXPLORE THE PASSAGE

1. What do you think Peter was hoping to accomplish by hanging around the trial of Jesus?
2. How would you have felt in Peter's place?
3. When do you find you are most tempted to downplay or even deny your Christian beliefs?
4. When has your faith in Jesus cost you something?
5. How can close friendships with committed believers keep you from falling away from Jesus?



UNDERSTAND IT

1. To what person should you demonstrate your loyalty this week? How?
2. Whom might you be able to engage in a conversation about Jesus this week?
3. In what settings do you need to acknowledge Jesus more consistently in your actions (or non-action)?



APPLY IT