

## WHO IS SIMON PETER? – PART 2

### Mark 9:2-9, Luke 22:14-24

<sup>2</sup> Six days later Jesus took Peter and James and John with Him. He led them up to a high mountain by themselves. Jesus was changed as they looked at Him. <sup>3</sup> His clothes did shine. They were as white as snow. No one on earth could clean them so white. <sup>4</sup> Moses and Elijah were seen talking to Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Peter said to Jesus, “Teacher, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents to worship in. One will be for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup> Peter did not know what to say. They were very much afraid.

<sup>7</sup> A cloud came over them and a voice from the cloud said, “This is My much-loved Son. Listen to Him.” <sup>8</sup> At once they looked around but saw no one there but Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> They came down from the mountain. Then Jesus said with strong words that they should tell no one what they had seen. They should wait until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. <sup>10</sup> So they kept those words to themselves, talking to each other about what He meant by being raised from the dead.

### Luke 22:14-24

*(Matt. 26:31-35, Mark 14:27-31, John 13:36-38)*

<sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup> For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup> And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in

my blood. <sup>21</sup> But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. <sup>22</sup> For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!” <sup>23</sup> And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

<sup>24</sup> A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup> But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. <sup>27</sup> For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

<sup>28</sup> “You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, <sup>29</sup> and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, <sup>30</sup> that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

<sup>31</sup> “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, <sup>32</sup> but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” <sup>33</sup> Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

### Matthew 26:69-75

*(Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18)*

<sup>69</sup> Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” <sup>70</sup> But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” <sup>71</sup> And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>72</sup> And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” <sup>73</sup> After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them,

for your accent betrays you.” 74 Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. 75 And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

**Opening Discussion Questions**

- a. When have you been the most passionate about your faith?
- b. Have you ever hidden your faith because you believe you would suffer a negative consequence?

**Bible Study Questions**

1. How did the disciples react after seeing Jesus “transfigured.” How would you characterize Peter’s reaction?

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2. What was his purpose in wanting to build tents for Elijah, Moses and Jesus?

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3. How do you think Peter understood Jesus’s warning to him in versus 31?

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4. Recalling what you have learned or studied about Peter’s background, what is at the root of his denial of Jesus? (*1 Corinthians 10:12, Proverbs 16:18*)

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5. How do you reconcile what Peter has seen during his time with Jesus with verse 72?

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6. Who exactly was Peter denying? What expectation did he have of what Jesus came to do?

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7. Do you think Peter’s faith “failed”? Why or why not?

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