

**Rising from the Ashes**  
**Cornerstone Church of Poway**  
**Pastor James Jacobs**  
**July 24, 2022**

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**I. Peter on the Mountain**

**The Transfiguration**

<sup>2</sup>And six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up to a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup>and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them. <sup>4</sup> And Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus.  
**Mark 9:2-4 (ASV)**

**Resurrection of Lazarus**

<sup>43b</sup> He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus come forth.” <sup>44</sup> He who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings; and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” **John 11: 43b (ASV)**

<sup>9</sup> The great multitude therefore of the Jews learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead. **John 12: 9(ASV)**

**The Triumphant Entry**

<sup>12</sup> On the next day the great multitude who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup> took the branches of the palm trees, and went out to meet Him, and began to cry out, “Hosanna! BLESSED IS He WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel.” **John 12: 12-13 (ASV)**

**Jesus tells Peter to Buy a Sword**

<sup>36</sup> And He said to them, “ But now, let him who has a purse take it along, likewise also a bag, and let him who has no sword sell his robe and buy one. <sup>38</sup> And they said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.” And He said to them, “It is enough.”  
**Luke 22: 36,38 (ASV)**

<sup>33</sup> "And he said to Him, "Lord, with you I am ready to go both to prison and to death!"

<sup>34</sup> "And He said, I say to you, Peter, the cock will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me." **Luke 22:33-34 (ASV)**

## **Peter Fights for Jesus**

<sup>6</sup> When therefore He said to them, " I am *He*," they drew back and fell to the ground.  
**John 17:6 (ASV)**

## **II. Peter moves to the Valley**

### **Jesus Stops Them Fighting**

<sup>51</sup> But Jesus answered and said, "Stop! No more of this," And He touched his ear and healed him. **Luke 22:51 (ASV)**

### **Peter Runs Away**

<sup>50</sup> And they all left Him and fled. **Mark 14:50 (ASV)**

### **Peter Denies the Lord**

<sup>66</sup> "Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came.  
<sup>67</sup> And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, 'You also were with Jesus the Nazarene.'  
<sup>68</sup> But he denied it, saying, 'I neither know nor understand what you are saying,' And he went out onto the porch, and a rooster crowed.  
<sup>69</sup> And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, 'This is one of them.'  
<sup>70</sup> But he denied it again. And a little later, those who stood by said to Peter again, 'Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it.'  
<sup>71</sup> "Then he began to curse and swear, 'I do not know this Man of whom you speak.'  
<sup>72</sup> A second time the rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word Jesus had said to him, "Before a rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times,' and when he thought about it, he wept." **Mark 14 66-72 (ASV)**

### **Peter Leaves Weeping and Repents**

<sup>61a</sup> And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. **Luke 22:61a (ASV)**

### **Peter Feels Unworthy**

## **III. Peter Moving back to the Mountain**

<sup>28</sup> "But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."  
**Mark 14:28(ASV)**

<sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will also come with you” **John 21:3a (ASV)**

<sup>15</sup> “So when they had finished breakfast. Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?” **John 21:3a (ASV)**

He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.’ He said to him, Tend My lambs.” **John 21:15b (ASV)**

<sup>16</sup> He said to him again a second time, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love Me?’ He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.’ He said to him, ‘Shepherd My sheep.’ **John 21:16 (ASV)**

<sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love Me?’ Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Tend My sheep.” **John 21:17 (ASV)**

<sup>32</sup> “ but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” **Luke 22:32 (ASV)**

<sup>7</sup> that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; **1 Peter 1:7 (ASV)**

<sup>7</sup>“This precious value, then, is for you who believe, **1 Peter 2:7a (ASV).”**

<sup>19b</sup> And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me!”

<sup>22c</sup> You follow Me!” **John 21:19b, 22c (ASV)**

- 1. Love Christ**
- 2. Sacrifice for Christ**
- 3. Follow Christ**

**My next right steps, I will:**

**[ ] Love Christ enough to spend time in prayer with Him.**

**[ ] Find a task that needs to be done and volunteer.**

**[ ] Try to live every day aware that the eyes of Jesus are on me.**

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**Open in Prayer.**

**Ice Breaker:** How do you think Peter felt when Jesus made him stop fighting for Him?

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**Read John 13:34 above again.**

**How can you display that you love your brothers and sisters in Christ as Jesus loved His apostles? See Luke 22:32**

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**In what ways can you sacrifice for Christ in your daily lives? See John 21:15-17**

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**How will others know that you are a follower of Christ? See Matthew 16:24-26**

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