

A Crisis Of Faith Pt3

Peter

MATTHEW 26:31-33

31. Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.

32. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. 33. Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended.

LUKE 22:31-34

31. And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32. But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. 33. And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. 34. And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

LUKE 22:54

54. Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off.

JOHN 18:15-16

15. And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest.

16. But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter.

LUKE 22:60b-62

60b. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. 61. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. 62. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

"A crisis of faith is a deep and painful questioning, loss, or transformation of belief. Commonly, the term is used in reference to a crisis of religious faith, such as doubt about the existence or doubt about the goodness of God, but it can also be used when faith in humanity, society, an institution, or belief in an ideology are in question, and especially when an interconnected web of beliefs is challenged. It may designate an individual's internal struggle with their own faith, or an era of collective struggle."

~ Wikipedia

AND THEIR EYES WERE OPENED AND THEY KNEW HIM [57-0421E]

Peter got discouraged and wanted to go a-fishing. Two of them said, one by the name of Cleopas, said, *"We'll just go back home to Jerusalem."* And on their road, walking along that morning when Peter got his fishing line and took off fishing, these two were on their road, sad. And as they went along the road, saying, "Well, I guess life is not worth living. Oh, how we believed that He was the Messiah. How could that Man Who raised the dead ever stand and let that high priest make fun of Him? How could that Man, Who could see vision after vision, ever let a Roman soldier put a rag around His face, and hit Him on the head, and said, *'If thou be a prophet, tell us who hit you'*? How could He scream for mercy on the cross, seeing that He could even raise up the dead?" Oh, it was discouraging moment.

And **those discouraging times comes to every believer to test you, and to try you, and to see if you really do believe.** *"Every son that cometh to God must first be tested, child-trained."* There'll be some of you here tonight, no doubt, will go through that same testing.

MARK 16:5-7

5. *And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.* 6. *And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: **he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.*** 7. *But go your way, tell his disciples **and Peter** that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.*

LUKE 24:12

12. *Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.*

TO TAKE ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD [62-0701]

Like Peter was. He was a good with his sword. When Jesus got in trouble, he pulled out his sword. He could flop any way, cut the high priest, his servant's ear off with a sword. But when it come to real Christian courage, he didn't have it. Yes. But the spiritual courage, **he denied the Word made flesh standing right among them.**

He was good with his sword. That's right. **He could duel the creed just as good as anybody could.** But he, when it come to spiritual courage, he didn't have it. So he failed right there. Now, why? He only knowed one thing, his creed. But brother, after he went up to Pentecost, he put on the whole armor of God. Now, watch him. He's a different person now.

ACTS 2:22-27

22. Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: 23. Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24. Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because **it was not possible that he should be holden of it.**

25. For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: 26. Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: 27. Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

ACTS 2:31-32

31. He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

32. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

I PETER 2:23-25

23. Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: 24. **Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.** 25. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

ACTS 4:10

10. Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

ACTS 5:15

15. Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

II PETER 1:12-16

12. Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. 13. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; 14. Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. 15. Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able **after my decease** to have these things always in remembrance. 16. For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.