

# Questions Jesus Asked

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*"Do you love me?"*  
John 21:16

*"I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So, when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers. Peter said, "Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you, and even to die with you. Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."*

Luke 22:31-34

*When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, **do you love me more than these?**" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, **do you love me?**" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "**Do you love me?**" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"*

*Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?") When Peter saw him, he asked, "**Lord, what about him?**"*

*Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me." Because of this, the rumor spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?"* John 21:15-23

*"The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love."*  
Psalm 103:8

*"And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"*

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

What conversation is Jesus wanting to have with you over breakfast? Do you love me?

A conversation with Jesus will always include **facing truth** about ourselves, **finding grace** for failure, and a **call to continue to follow**.

*"All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, 'God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.' Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time."* 1 Peter 5:5-6

## Story Line of Peter & Jesus

**Luke 5** – Jesus was preaching on the shore of Galilee – the crowds were pressing.

- Some Boats were there, fisherman were cleaning their nets
- Simon Peter – can I use your boat...
- Lets go fishing.

Luke 5:4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.”

When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.”

Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” 11 And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

This acceptance of Jesus – this invitation to Peter – to follow was a defining moment. Peter is marked as the outgoing, eager to step out.

Matthew 14 – Peter walks on the water with Jesus.

Matthew 16

15 Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, [d] the Son of the living God.”

Who do you say I am? – “You are the son of God, the Messiah, sent of God...”

Jesus was amazed... You are no longer going to be called Simon, but Peter – the Rock...

Luke 22 – Last Supper – with the Disciples...

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. 32 But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers.”

33 Peter said, “**Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you, and even to die with you.**”

34 But Jesus said, “Peter, let me tell you something. Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.”

Matthew 26:31

On the way, Jesus told them, “Tonight all of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, ‘God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

33 Peter declared, “Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you.”

34 Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me.”

35 “No!” Peter insisted. “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!”

**John 18 – Arrest of Jesus**

10 Then Simon Peter drew a sword and slashed off the right ear of Malchus, the high priest’s slave.

## John 18 – Peter’s Denial

15 Simon Peter followed Jesus, as did another of the disciples. That other disciple was acquainted with the high priest, so he was allowed to enter the high priest’s courtyard with Jesus. 16 Peter had to stay outside the gate. Then the disciple who knew the high priest spoke to the woman watching at the gate, and she let Peter in. 17 The woman asked Peter, “You’re not one of that man’s disciples, are you?”

“No,” he said, “I am not.”

18 Because it was cold, the household servants and the guards had made a charcoal fire. They stood around it, warming themselves, and Peter stood with them, warming himself.

25 Meanwhile, as Simon Peter was standing by the fire warming himself, they asked him again, “You’re not one of his disciples, are you?”

He denied it, saying, “No, I am not.”

26 But one of the household slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Didn’t I see you out there in the olive grove with Jesus?” 27 Again Peter denied it. And immediately a rooster crowed.

- We don’t know all that happened to Peter... during the trial, and the crucifixion of Jesus – he is not mentioned being present...

- Mark 16:7 – Angels – go and tell the disciples, including Peter...

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7 Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died.”

Guilt and Shame is so powerful – Judas hung himself... I think Jesus would have breakfast with Judas as well –

Peter – simple gave up on being a significant player in the reconciliation work of Jesus ministry – The work of caring for the follower of Jesus - encouraging them, teaching them, and helping them build their faith. How could he... if he himself under pressure would deny his relationship with Jesus.. how could he be the ROCK – of the movement...

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