



## EASTER 2025

*Jesus answered, “Die for me? I tell you the truth, Peter—before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.”*

John 13:38 (NLT)

*The woman asked Peter, “You’re not one of that man’s disciples, are you?” “No,” he said, “I am not.”*

John 18:17 (NLT)

*Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, “You aren’t one of his disciples too, are you?”*

*He denied it, saying, “I am not.”*

*<sup>26</sup> One of the high priest’s servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, “Didn’t I see you with him in the garden?” <sup>27</sup> Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.*

John 18:25-27 (NIV)

*Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. <sup>8</sup> The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. <sup>9</sup> When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.*

John 21:7-9 (NLT)

*After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”*

*“Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.”*

*“Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.*

*<sup>16</sup> Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?”*

*“Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.”*

*“Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said.*

*<sup>17</sup> A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”*

*Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.”*

*Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.”*

John 21:15-17 (NLT)

*Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death.*

1 Peter 1:3 (GNT)

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Peter denied Jesus at his lowest moment, yet Jesus later meets him with grace and restoration. When have you felt like Peter—ashamed, regretful, or convinced your failure disqualified you from God's purpose? What does Jesus' approach to Peter on the beach teach you about God's heart toward your own failures?
2. John 21 shows Jesus intentionally recreating the scene of Peter's denial to offer him forgiveness and a new beginning. What “beach” moment might Jesus be inviting you to revisit—an old wound, failure, or place of shame—so that he can bring healing, grace, and a new calling into your life?
3. In 1 Peter 1:3, Peter speaks from experience about “new life through the resurrection.” Where in your life do you long for resurrection hope right now—a comeback from something that feels broken or dead? What would it look like to believe that your story, like Peter's, is not over?

### **Recommended Resources**

- [Living the Resurrection: The Risen Christ in Everyday Life by Eugene Peterson](#)
- [Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church by N.T. Wright](#)
- [Embracing the Love of God by James Bryan Smith](#)