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EASTER WEEK

Peter's Denial

Arthur Davis

Scripture

Read Luke 22:31-34, 54-62

Devotion

Today's devotional is about Peter's denial of Jesus. The disciples and Jesus had just celebrated the Last Supper. This was to be the night Jesus would be led away to be crucified for our sins. Jesus said that all the disciples would deny Him and run away. Peter looked up and said "no Lord, I will never deny you, even if everyone else does." All of the disciples said the same thing in agreement with Peter. Jesus told Peter that before the rooster crows he would deny him three times.

We later see that three different people come up to Peter, saying that He was with Jesus. Peter told them they were not correct and that he did not know Jesus. After Peter denied Jesus the third time, the rooster crowed, just like Jesus said would happen! After the rooster crowed, Christ turned and looked at Peter. The Bible says that Peter cried bitterly. Peter now realized that he was a sinner and could not do good things apart from Jesus. Before, Peter was trusting in himself and his own ability to be good.

We should not think too badly about Peter and wonder how he could deny Jesus after he had been with Him for three years. During those three years, Peter and the other disciples had seen Christ heal many people, witnessed him perform many miracles, and listened to the many words that Jesus taught. The Bible tells us that all of the disciples denied Jesus. Just like us, Peter was trusting in his own abilities and not depending on Christ .



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Questions

3-5-yr-olds

Why did Peter cry? Who made the rooster crow?

1st-3rd graders

How did Jesus know that Peter would say he didn't know Jesus?

4th-6th graders

How are we like Peter?

Prayer

Dear Lord, help me to realize that, like Peter, I trust in myself and do not depend on you as I should. Father, forgive me and help me to trust in you more. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins so that I can live on earth without guilt and shame and one day be with you for eternity.



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