

It's not just Peter Mark 14:27-31; 66-72

Jesus predicts Peter's denial (and ours too) Mark 14:27-31

Mark 14:30 – *“Truly I say to you, that this very night, before a rooster crows twice, you yourself will deny Me three times.”*

Peter denies knowing Jesus (and so will we) Mark 14:66-71

Mark 14:71 – *“But he began to curse and swear, ‘I do not know this man you are talking about!’”*

Jesus restores Peter (and us too) John 21:15-17

Peter responds with repentance and obedience (and so should we) Mark 14:72

Mark 14:72b – *“And he began to weep.”*

- In Acts 4:19-20, Peter fearlessly preaches Christ even when imprisoned and threatened.
- According to tradition, Peter was crucified by Emperor Nero in 64 A.D.
- Jesus saw Peter's potential as the leader of the early church while he was still a raw, uncut rock.

Response: Bring your rock to the stations to represent repentance, learning from your failures and being made into a rock that will impact the world for Jesus Christ.

Digging Deeper + LifeGroup Discussion:

1. Maybe we haven't denied Christ explicitly, but what actions in our lives can equate to what Peter does here?
2. Tell the story of a time that you learned from failure or mistakes. A few people can share something lighthearted and fun. A few people can share something more serious and significant.
3. Consider God's plan for Peter. How was God preparing Peter for his future leadership through this whole story? How have you seen God working this way in your life or the life of someone you know?

Next Steps:

COME BACK FOR REACH WEEK: Join us for the events of Reach Week 2019 from **March 29 - April 7**. We'll gather to hear inspiring stories of God at work across the street and around the world! Begin exploring the amazing events and consider where God may be calling YOU, by checking out the Reach Week brochure or visiting calvarylife.org/reach

COME TO EASTER AT CALVARY: The day that Jesus rose from the dead is the most important day in all of history. It is the day that changed everything. And, we invite you to come celebrate this amazing day with us at Calvary. Check out the events and services listed below, or learn more at calvarylife.org/easter

- **Passover Seder - Thursday, April 18:** Come remember the Last Supper and gain a deeper understanding of God's redemptive grace in the Passover. Space is limited. Get your tickets today at calvarylife.org/seder
- **Good Friday - Friday, April 19:** Experience a special Communion Service at 7:00 pm in the Chapel to remember the great significance of Christ's sacrificial death before we celebrate his resurrection on Sunday morning.
- **Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 20:** Reach out to our neighborhood! Volunteers are needed to help distribute over 20,000 candy-filled Easter Eggs to children, birth-12, serve breakfast, help with face painting and more. Invite family, friends and neighbors to have fun and hear the Gospel message sharing what Easter is truly about!
- **Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 21:** Come celebrate the hope, joy and life found in Jesus at one of our Easter Sunday services at 8:30am (English) + 10:30am (English & ASL) + 11:00 am (Spanish). There will be great kids programs available for Nursery - Kindergarten during the 8:30 + 10:30 am services.

In Response:

COMMUNION: Communion is a "meal" for believers in Jesus Christ to help us give thanks and remember His death on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. The matzah bread represents the body of Christ given for us. The cup of juice represents the blood of Christ that was shed to pay the price for our sins. We are called to examine ourselves before taking communion (Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-34). We typically pass communion elements the first Sunday of the month. Most other weeks, communion is available at tables around the room after the sermon.

GIVING: The offering is received during each Sunday service. This is a way to express a wholehearted trust in God and worship Him through giving. It is also an act of obedience to God that helps free us from money having mastery over us. Tithing is a biblical command of 10% as a baseline of giving, but the New Testament calls us as followers of Jesus to give even more. Our prayer is that you plan ahead to give purposefully and joyfully to God, helping to further ministry locally and globally in Jesus' name. Discover ways to give on the front of the bulletin or calvarylife.org/give

PRAYER POINTS: These locations at the front right and left of the Worship Center will have people available to pray with you during the time of singing after the sermon and after the service as well. These people are excited to pray with you about anything in your life, including praying to tell Jesus that you believe in Him as God and trust Him for salvation. They will also pray for any health needs, stresses, worries, family members, temptations or anything else.

PRAYER ROOM: The Prayer Room is located at the front right of the Worship Center Auditorium through the doorway behind the Prayer Point. This is a quiet space that you can go to at anytime during the service to be able to pray and reflect on what God is doing in your heart.



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