

Title: "Peter, You, Me and the Question of the Cross!"

Scripture Text: Mark 14:53-72

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:65-72; 1 Peter 2:21-25; Ephesians 3:14-21

From the very beginning of Jesus' ministry the theme was and continues to be the need for the cross – the sacrificial work of Jesus to take away my sin and to give me a new life through and eternal relationship with Him!

1 Corinthians 1:18 [21-31]

John 1:29,

THESIS: Peter's life and eternal destination was changed by Jesus Christ's death on the Cross. He experienced forgiveness, relationship and transformation – have YOU?

I. Peter was Aware of his need for the Cross before the Crucifixion, but!

Hebrews 9:22

Luke 5:1–11

Matthew 14:28–33

Matthew 16:13-26

Matthew 17:1–9

John 6:68–69

Matthew 18:21–22

Luke 22:8, 19-20

John 13:3–10

Matthew 26:30–35, 37-40

II. Peter was Even More Aware of his need for the Cross after his Denial, at Christ's Crucifixion and following Christ's Resurrection , but.....!

Luke 22:31-34

Mark 14:65-72

Matthew 26:69–75

John 21:7, 15, 18-22

1 Peter 2:21-25

APPLICATION:

There is nothing pretty about the cross if you understand its purpose and meaning – BUT IT IS WONDERFUL AND GLORIOUS WHEN WE KNOW JESUS DIED FOR ME – IN MY PLACE to reconcile me to Him THAT I MIGHT LIVE FOR HIM TODAY AND BE FOREVER WITH HIM IN ETERNITY!

Galatians 2:20

Ephesians 5:1-2

1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 56-58

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65 Some began to spit at Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him with their fists, and to say to Him, "Prophesy!" And the officers received Him with slaps in the face.

66 **As Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came,**

67 and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Nazarene."

68 **But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about." And he went out onto the porch.**

69 The servant-girl saw him, and began once more to say to the bystanders, "This is one of them!"

70 **But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders were again saying to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean too."**

71 But he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this man you are talking about!"

72 **Immediately a rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had made the remark to him, "Before a rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And he began to weep.** NASU

21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

22 **WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;**

23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;

24 **and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.**

25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls. NASU

14 **For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,**

15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,

16 **that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,**

17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 **may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,**

19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

20 **Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,**

21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. NASU