



Sermon Outline
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Peter
The Myth
Acts 2:14

Peter – The Man:
Impulsive, outspoken, and inconsistent.

Peter's previous mistakes and missteps apparently disqualify him. But then...

* **The** _____

Luke 22:31-34 - "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

* *Jesus planned on restoration before Peter failed.*

* **Spiritual failure can begin with rebellion, but often it begins with** _____.

Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

* **The** _____

* *Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the face.*

Luke 22:59-62 - About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean." Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

* **Messing up doesn't necessarily mean you** _____ **Jesus.**

* **The** _____

John 20:2-4 - So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

* **Peter was able to see in Jesus what most of mankind misunderstands about God. He always** _____ **us.**

* **The** _____

* *Notice what Jesus did to restore: He didn't say, "Why did you fail?" He didn't say, "Can I trust you again?" He did ask the most important question of all: "Do you _____ Me?"*

* **The question should never really be:**
Does _____ me?

* **Peter's failure became part of his** _____.

* **There's a big difference between guilt &** _____.

Peter – The Myth:
You can mess up beyond restoration.

* *The myth says: You messed up too badly.*
The gospel says: Jesus already knew and He still chose you.

* **The resurrection** _____ **Peter's courage from bravado to conviction.**

Acts 2:14 - Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say."

* **Peter was "a rock", but "The Rock" is** _____.