

## THE DIFFERENCE

**Matthew 26:31-33**- Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me.....<sup>33</sup> Peter replied, "**Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.**" (NIV)

No way is this happening...Even if I have to die with you I will never deny you

### The Declaration

- The declaration says... I've seen too much... gone too far to turn back... I'm sold out
- I have decided to follow Jesus...no turning back

### The Garden Jesus is arrested...

**Matthew 26:57-58** – Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. <sup>58</sup>**But Peter followed him at a distance,** right up to **the courtyard** of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome. (NIV)

### The Denial

**Matthew 26:58** – **But Peter followed him at a distance,** right up to **the courtyard** of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome. (NIV)

**Mark 15:17-19** – They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup>Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him....(NIV)

**Matthew 26:67-68** – Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, <sup>68</sup>saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?" (NIV)

- **Mark says**... they ripped the hair of His beard out

**3<sup>rd</sup> Denial-** you really are one of His-

**Matthew 26:73** – Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” (NIV)

**Luke 22:61**- The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. (NIV)

**Titus 1:16** – They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. (NIV)

**John 21:3** – “I'm going fishing...” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. (NIV)

## The Difference

**John 21:4** – Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. **5** He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. (NIV)

**Next we see Peter** on the Day of Pentecost... preaching and 3000 are saved...

What happened?

- **Next Peter** declaring to the lame man... silver and gold have I none...
- **next we see that people** were healed on the street as Peter's shadow passed over them
- **Peter who sang praise at midnight, beaten and imprisoned...**

**Romans 8:11** – If the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead lives in you... He will quicken and raise your mortal body. (NIV)