

THE DIFFERENCE

Jesus is still alive!! Today I want to continue our focus one last week on the resurrection and answer the question, what difference does it make?

Let's look at the difference it made for Peter.

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

THE DECLARATION

Jesus' reply is very specific... before the rooster crows in the morning you will deny me three times

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. **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)

THE DENIAL

Peter is there watching the trial... sat down with the guards to see the outcome

First denial: you were with Him I recognize you... "**I am not you have me confused with someone else.**"

Second denial: ... your accent give you away, I can tell by the way you speak you are a Galilean.

"⁷² And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man."

Mark 15:17-19 – They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. ¹⁸ And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" ¹⁹ 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, ⁶⁸ saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

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Third Denial: You really are one of His! ²⁶ ...then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man."

- **Immediately a rooster crowed.** (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.

THE DIFFERENCE

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

- **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...**
- **Leader of the first century church**

TCC- what was the difference... Let's take a look

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)

TCC - Why did Jesus repeat His very first miracle at Peter's boat...

TCC- He takes him right back to the call... Follow me and I will make You fishers of men

The difference is the resurrection:

Before he **THOUGHT** Jesus was God... now he **KNOWS** He is God.

What's the difference? Now in John 20 Peter is born again... and in Acts 2 the Holy Spirit comes upon Him.

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