

Matthew 10:32

Therefore, whoever confesses
Me before men, him I will also
confess before My Father who is
in heaven

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John 18:15-18

¹⁵ Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter stood outside the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the

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John 18:15-18

High priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.”

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John 18:15-18

¹⁸ Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

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John 18:25-27

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” ²⁶ One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” ²⁷ Peter again denied it, and at once the rooster crowed.

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Peter

Just hours before:

- Not wanting Jesus to wash his feet, then wanting Jesus to wash all of him...
- Telling Jesus he will follow Jesus anywhere, but Jesus said Peter would deny Him 3 times before the rooster crows...

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Peter

- Cut off the ear of a soldier to protect Jesus...
- And now he has followed the group who arrested Jesus to where Jesus will be tried.

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John

Ch. 13; The Last Supper

Ch. 14; I am the way the truth and the life

Ch. 15; I am the vine

The world hated me first

Ch. 16; The work of the Holy Spirit

Sorrow turns to joy

Ch. 17; His prayer (possibly at Gethsemane)

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John: "I am not",	Matthew: "I do not know what you mean",	Mark: "I neither know nor understand what you mean",	Luke: "Woman, I do not know him"
"I am not",	"I do not know the man",	he denied it again.	"man, I am not"
Peter denied it again	"I do not know the man" (calling down curses on himself)	"I do not know this man of whom you speak"	"man, I do not know what you are saying"

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Annas and Caiaphas were both High Priests

But...

Caiaphas was appointed by the Roman Government.

Annas was appointed by God, the Romans didn't like this.

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Are we denying CHRIST?

- Have you put all your trust in Him?
- Do you allow Him to use you?
- Have you not shared your faith for one reason or another?

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Peter...

Are you, like him, just starting to follow
and excited?

Are you, like him, following, but
sometimes your worry's cause you to sink

Are you, like him, wanting to tell Jesus
how it will work

Or...

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Peter...

Do you want to follow, but at times you slip, you get scared, and like Peter, deny Christ, even if that means you don't tell someone or show someone Christ's love

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The AWESOME thing is;
Christ knows us, He loves us
And if Peter can be the great man he was,
even with his slips and set backs,
Because of Christ's love
Jesus wants to use us today, and wants to
forgive us...

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Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
According to you unfailing love;
According to your great compassion
Blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
And cleanse me from my sin.

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Psalm 51

For I know my transgressions,
And my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
And done what is evil in your sight,
So that you are proved right when you
speak
And justified when you judge.

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Psalm 51

Surely I have been a sinner from birth,
Sinful from the time my mother conceived
me.

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;
You teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

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Psalm 51

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be
clean;

Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;

Let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins

And blot out my iniquity.

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Psalm 51

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence
Or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

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