

### **Why did Peter denied knowing Jesus Christ 3 times**

I have often heard many times that the disciple Peter was faithless, weak minded, low esteem, and many other negative things. Than the Catholics say he was the first Pope. What is going on here.

This may may be one reason why Peter denied Jesus Christ 3 times. It also indicates that God put it in his mind and heart and mouth to deny Christ and to obey the request of Jesus.

### **Matt. 16: 20-28**

**20 Then charged he the disciples that they should tell no man that he was the Christ.**

**21** From that time began Jesus to show unto his disciples, that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up.

**22** And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall never be unto thee.

**23** But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art a stumbling-block unto me: for thou mindest not the things of God, but the things of men.

**24** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

When we are doing Gods work the cross can get heavy. People will challenge what we say, People will criticize us, friends and family will turn there back on us.

**25** For whosoever would save his life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it.

**26** For what shall a man be profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? or what shall a man give in exchange for his life?

**27** For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then shall he render unto every man according to his deeds.

**28** Verily I say unto you, there are some of them that stand here, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

### **Peter denied Christ 3 times.**

#### **Matt: 26**

**69** Now Peter was sitting without in the court: and a maid came unto him, saying, Thou also was with Jesus the Galilaean.

**70** But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest.

**71** And when he was gone out into the porch, another *maid* saw him, and saith unto them that were there, This man also was with Jesus of Nazareth.

**72** And again he denied with an oath, I know not the man.

**73** And after a little while they that stood by came and said to Peter, Of a

truth thou also art *one* of them; for thy speech maketh thee known.

**74** Then began he to curse and to swear, I know not the man. And straightway the cock crew.

**75** And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

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**56** But all this is come to pass, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples left him, and fled.

It sounds to me that they ran away.

**58** But Peter followed him afar off, unto the court of the high priest, and entered in, and sat with the officers, to see the end.

Does this sound like a faithless coward. NO! He did as Jesus told him and the others to do. Did Peter have things to learn – Yes. There may be times when we do Gods work and it may go against our Earthly lives and love for another. Peter had to learn this lesson.

He had put himself in a bad position. If he does not deny Christ and say yes I know him he would have been on a cross next to Jesus. This the Lord did not want. He had work for Peter and the others to do. Maybe it could be said that the other disciples were smart enough not to put themselves in a bad position and left the area. Maybe Peter only wanted to know what was to happen to Jesus.

If Peter or any of the disciples acknowledge they were one of Jesus followers there may have been more than 3 crucified. Jesus and God had a job for them to spreading the Gospel.

I do not question nor challenge nothing here. I must be careful of what I say because God was in charge of all that happened.

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