

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to have all of you, to sift you like wheat.<sup>32</sup> But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen and build up your brothers." <sup>33</sup> Peter said, "Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you, and even to die with you."<sup>34</sup> But Jesus said, "Peter, let me tell you something. The rooster will not crow tomorrow morning until you have denied three times that you even know me." Luke 22:31-34 (NLT)

Arresting Jesus, they marched him off and took him into the house of the Chief Priest. Peter followed, but at a distance. <sup>55</sup> In the middle of the courtyard some people had started a fire and were sitting around it, trying to keep warm. <sup>56</sup> One of the serving maids sitting at the fire noticed him, then took a second look and said, "This man was with him!" <sup>57</sup> He denied it, "Woman, I don't even know him." <sup>58</sup> A short time later, someone else noticed him and said, "You're one of them." But Peter denied it: "Man, I am not." <sup>59</sup> About an hour later, someone else spoke up, really adamant: "He's got to have been with him! He's got 'Galilean' written all over him." <sup>60</sup> Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about." At that very moment, the last word hardly off his lips, a rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup> Just then, the Master turned and looked at Peter. Peter remembered what the Master had said to him: "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." <sup>62</sup> He went out and cried and cried and cried. Luke 22:54-62 (MP)

> I CAN BE CONFIDENT THAT ...

1. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>... Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father ....<sup>36</sup> Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later." <sup>37</sup> Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times! John 13:1a, 36-38 (NIV)

2. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

It was before Passover, and Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and to return to the Father. He had always loved his followers in this world, and <u>he loved them to the very end</u>. John 13:1 (CEV) When the time was right, the Anointed One died for <u>all of us who were far</u> <u>from God, powerless, and weak.</u><sup>7</sup> Now it is rare to find someone willing to die for an upright person, although it's possible that someone may give up his life for one who is truly good. <sup>8</sup> But think about this: while we were wasting our lives in sin, God revealed His powerful love to us in a tangible display—the Anointed One died for us. **Romans 5:6-8** (VOICE)

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Luke 22:31-32a (NLT)

And the very words you gave to me to speak I have passed on to them They have received your words and carry them in their hearts. They are convinced that I have come from your presence, and they have fully believed that you sent me to represent you. <sup>9</sup> So with deep love, I pray for my disciples. John 17:8-9a (TPT)

4. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was nailed to a cross. God has raised him to life, he isn't here. You can see the place where they put his body. <sup>7</sup> Now go and tell his disciples, <u>and especially Peter</u>, that he will go ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you. **Mark 16:6-7** (CEV)

... So when you have repented and turned to me again, <u>strengthen</u> and <u>build up your brothers</u>. Luke 22:32b (NLT)

*Praise ...the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is so good and by raising Jesus from death, he has given us new life and a hope that live on.* **1 Peter 1:3** (CEV)

On the day of Pentecost all the Lord's followers were together...<sup>5</sup> There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. <sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me and let me tell you what this means." Acts 2:1, 5, 14 (GN)

## > HOW DO I FIND THE FORGIVENESS THAT I AM HOPING FOR?

When they heard this they were crushed and realized what they had done to Jesus. Deeply moved, they said to Peter and the other apostles, "What do we need to do, brothers?" 38 Peter replied, "Repent and return to God, and each one of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus, the Anointed One, to have your sins removed. Then you may take hold of the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For God's promise of the Holy Spirit is for you and your families, for those yet to be born and for everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself. Acts 2:37-39 (TPT)

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