# "Christ Turns Our Personal Failures Into Public Triumphs" Re-discovering Jesus in the Gospel of John

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**12**So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. **13**First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. **14**It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

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

**19**The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. **20**Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. **21**Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.”**22**When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” **23**Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” **24**Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

**25**Now Simon Peter was standing and 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 a rooster crowed.

# Luke 22:31-34 English Standard Version (ESV)

**31**“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat,**32**but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” **33**Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” **34**Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

# Luke 22:60-62English Standard Version (ESV)

**60**But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. **61**And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.” **62**And he went out and wept bitterly.

# 1 Peter 5:1-11English Standard Version (ESV)

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: **2**shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; **3**not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. **4**And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. **5**Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

**6**Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, **7**casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. **8**Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. **9**Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. **10**And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. **11**To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.