

Scripture: Luke 24:33-53  
Singing: 349 – 159 – 317:1 – 140:1 – 293

Introduction: What a difference *two words* can make! (Mark 16:7)

- A. How do most people face the darkness of their sin?
- B. How was Peter's hope strengthened in his most dismal days?

### **THE HOPE FOR SINNERS**

I. Not based *in* us the fallen sinner II. All based *in* Jesus the Risen Savior

#### **I. The hope for us sinners is not based in us**

- A. Peter's case confirms this truth
1. All 4 Gospels tell the same story: *Peter denied Jesus His worst time!*
  2. Why do the Gospel all this sordid story of Peter?
- B. Peter's downfall is tragic and yet God used it to glorify His grace
1. Tragic because he was *forewarned* (Luke 22:34; John 13:38)
  2. Tragic because he boastfully promised to stand steadfast (Matt. 26:33-35)
  3. Tragic because he was taken down by a mere youth (Luke 22:56)
- C. Does Peter's fall shadow anything of us?
- D. "What must I do after having sinned?"
1. Many teach to walk into the 'good-deed-street'
  2. Yet the hard truth is that *sin is a no-return street!*

#### **II. The hope for sinners is all based in Jesus the risen Savior**

- A. Imagine 'hearing' the disciple's testimony in Luke 24:34
1. How did the 10 mean it?
  2. How might Peter have meant it?

B. The Easter Gospel is the message of hope for sinners of all shape and color

1. Ponder 1 Tim. 1:14-17 as reflective of Peter's own story

2. Did Peter meet Jesus or Jesus meet Peter?

C. Would Jesus the risen Savior be the same today?

1. What does Bible declare: *Ps. 86:15; Is. 55:7-9; Ps. 130*

2. How did Peter preach about this? *Acts 2:37-40; 3:26; 10:43*

3. How did Jesus preach about this? *Luke 15:20*

### **Gems on the Forgiveness by God**

Sins are so remitted as if they had never been committed. (T. Adams)



It is shallow to say that God forgives us because He is love. The only ground upon which God can forgive us is the cross. His love is most costly.



When was Peter's life more fragrant than when the kiss of Jesus' forgiveness was fresh upon his cheek?



God is as sternly and inflexibly just towards sin as if He never forgave iniquity, and yet He forgives sinners through Jesus Christ as freely and fully as if He never punished a transgression. (Spurgeon)