

Title: THE DIFFERENCE?

“And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.’ And Simon answered, ‘Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.’ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking.” (Luke 5:4-6) ESV

#1- The DECLARATION

“Then Jesus said to them, ‘You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.’ Peter answered him, ‘though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.’ Peter said to him, ‘Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!’ And all the disciples said the same.” (Matthew 26:31-35) ESV

#2- The DENIAL

READ (Matthew 26:69-74) ESV

“And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him, ‘Hail King of the Jews!’ and they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him.” (Mark 15:17-19) ESV

“They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, ‘Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?’ (Luke 22:64) ESV

“They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works...” (Titus 1:16) ESV

#3- The DECISION

READ (John 21:3-10) ESV

“Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go’ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) and after saying this he said to him, ‘follow me’” (John 21:18-19) ESV

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” (Matthew 16:24) ESV

“And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end.” (Matthew 26:58) ESV