

Series: An Easter Executive Summary

Sermon: You Can't

John 13:36-38

36 Simon Peter asked, "Lord, where are you going?"

And Jesus replied, "You can't go with me now, but you will follow me later."

37 "But why can't I come now, Lord?" he asked. "I'm ready to die for you."

38 Jesus answered, "Die for me? I tell you the truth, Peter—before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me."

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"Peter's greatest failure took place when he had been serving the Lord for the longest period of time!" – Colin Smith

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***-Peter felt that his faith was stronger than everyone else!***

Matt 26:31,33

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and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

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***Peter sees himself as Christ's greatest asset!***

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***-Peter hears Jesus' words for others rather than hearing them for himself!***

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-Apparently Peter feels that he no longer needs to pray!

Matt 26:38, 40-41

38 He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

40 Then he returned to the disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Couldn't you watch with me even one hour? 41 Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!"

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***-Peter seems more convinced of Jesus' need for him than he is of his need of Jesus!***

***Matt 26:51-54***

<sup>51</sup> But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest's slave, slashing off his ear.

<sup>52</sup> "Put away your sword," Jesus told him. "Those who use the sword will die by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly? <sup>54</sup> But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what must happen now?"

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### ***WHO IS THE SAVIOR HERE?***

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-Peter is found where he ***IS NOT*** supposed to be!

Luke 22:54 So they arrested him and led him to the high priest's home. And Peter followed at a distance.

***The shortest path to failure is simply to go where you are not supposed to be!***

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-Ignoring his first denial, Peter continues until the 'wayward sin becomes the willful sin!'

Luke 22:60-62

<sup>60</sup>But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

<sup>61</sup>At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord's words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me." <sup>62</sup>And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.