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## **John 21:1-25**

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 3 "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you."

So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. 5 He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered.

6 He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. 9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." 11 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. 15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

18 I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

20 Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?") 21 When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?"

22 Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me." 23 Because of this, the rumor spread among the brothers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?"

24 This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. 25 Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

**John 21 - “Jesus and Peter:  
A Locker Room Pep-Talk”**







***“A bad day fishing is better than a good day at work.”***

# **Simon Peter the Fisherman**

## **Matthew 4:18-20**

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of people." At once they left their nets and followed him.



# **Simon Peter the Fisherman**

**Growing in faith is a journey.**

## **Matthew 14:25-33**

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.<sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." <sup>28</sup> "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"



Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."



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# MiseraBills



Thurman Thomas fumbles to open the third quarter, leading to a Cowboys touchdown.

## Thomas' key fumble dooms Bills

By Sal Maicrana

Staff writer

ATLANTA — What is it about this game?

Thurman Thomas is so good all year — every year — and then come Super Bowl time, something happens to the man.

Bad things, man.

Last night the Buffalo Bills were doing what most of America didn't think was possible — they were beating the Dallas Cowboys.

But then Thomas fumbled on the third play of the second half and Dallas cornerback James Washington picked it up and scored his way 40 yards for the tying touchdown.

The winds of fate — as they always do for the Bills on Super Sunday — shifted direction at that moment and began blowing like a hurricane toward the Cowboys' bench.

From the time Washington finished his celebration dance in the end zone, the Bills did what most of America figured was inevitable — they crumbled like crackers and lost Super Bowl XXVIII 30-13 in front of a Georgia Dome record crowd of 72,811.

"I take the blame," Thomas said. "I really did change the momentum around when I fumbled, and they ran it in for a touchdown. It's a devastating loss, but I'm not going to drink myself to death or kill myself."

The Cowboys became the fifth team to win back-to-back National Football League championships, joining Green Bay, Miami, San Francisco and Pittsburgh (twice).

The Bills extended their record for consecutive Super Bowl losses to an unfathomable four. No other team in major professional sports history has lost four straight championship games.

"With all the talent we have on this team, we should have found some way, some how, to at least win one," Thomas said.

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## Bills' slipper seemed to fit

ATLANTA — It seemed like their time had finally arrived. It seemed like they were going to put The Man and The Drip and 34 years of frustration behind them. It seemed like the Buffalo Bills were going to become Super Bowl champions.

Then, the ball squirmed out of Thurman Thomas' hands — and with it went the game and the Vince

Then, Leon Lett separated Thomas from the ball and the Lombardi Trophy.

Bad things man. Bad things.

The running back who is always grumbling about lack of respect fumbled for the second time in the game. Washington made him pay. He tied the game. Fifty-five seconds into the third quarter and you



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# **The Glory Moment**

## **Matthew 16:17-19**

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

# **The Embarrassing Rebuke**

## **Matthew 16:23**

Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

# **The Encouraging Prophetic Word**

## **Luke 22:31-34**

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

# **The Agony of Defeat**

## **Luke 22:54-62**

Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance.

55 But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. 56 A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him." 57 But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said. 58 A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."

"Man, I am not!" Peter replied. 59 About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean." 60 Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. 61 The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." 62 And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Feeling like a failure, Peter retreats to the comfortable and familiar.



**"Follow me!"**

**Our mission is simple:**

“Love me. Feed my lambs.  
Take care of my sheep. Feed my sheep.”

**Keep your mind on the things of God,  
the realities of heaven—an eternal  
perspective!**

**Go fishing!**

**God doesn't call us to be flawless and successful. He calls us to be faithful.**



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