

*The Life of the Apostle Peter*  
Study # 18  
**Peter's Restoration: Part I**  
(Matt. 28; Luke 24; John 20)

**INTRODUCTION (Mark 16:9,10)**

**THE DESPAIR FOLLOWING THE CRUCIFIXION**

**THE DELIGHTS OF EASTER!**

**I. The Excitement of the Women (Mark 16:7)**

**A. The Resurrection**

1. The Story (Matt. 28:1-10)
2. The Suppression (Matthew 28:11-15)
3. The Suspicion (Luke 24:10-11)

**B. The Recollection**

1. Concerning the Resurrection  
(Luke 24:6-9; 2 Peter 1:19)

2. Concerning the Reunion  
(Matthew 26:32; 28:16; Mk. 16:7)

**C. The Reassurance**

- (Mark 16:7; Micah 7:18; Psalm 86:5; Mt. 26:75)

**II. The Emptiness of the Tomb (Lk. 24:10-12; Jn. 20:3-8)**

**A. The Evidence (5-7)**

1. The Contents of the Tomb (Luke 23:53; Jn. 19:40)
2. The Conclusions from the Tomb
  - a. The Disciples did not Steal the Body
  - b. The Jews did not Steal the Body (Mt. 27:64)

**B. The Enlightenment (8)**

**Mark 16:9** Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. 10 And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

**Mark 16:7** But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

**2 Peter 1:19** We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

**Matthew 26:32** But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.

**Matthew 28:16** Then [NOTE: weeks after the upper room experience] the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

**Micah 7:18** Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.

**Psalms 86:5** For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

**Matthew 26:75** And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

**Luke 23:53** And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.

**John 19:40** Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

**Matthew 27:64** Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

### III. The Encounters with Christ

#### A. Privately

(Luke 24:33-34; 1 Cor. 15:5; 1 Jn. 1:9; Is. 1:18)

#### B. Publically (John 20:19-23)

QUOTE: When you've lost your ax head, and want to find it, it is best to look for it where you lost it!

##### 1. It Was a Comforting Encounter (19C)

##### 2. It Was a Convincing Encounter

(19B; 20; Lk. 24:37-44)

###### a. By His Entrance (19:B)

###### b. By His Evidence (20; Lk. 24:37-44)

##### 3. It Was a Commissioning Encounter

###### a. The Peace for Service (21A; Phil. 4:7)

###### b. The Pattern for Service (21B; 17:18)

###### c. The Power for Service (22; Acts 1:8; 2:1)

###### d. The Privilege of Service (23)

### CONCLUSION:

POEM: Don't Quit

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Isaiah 1:18** Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

**Philip. 4:7** And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

**John 17:18** As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

**Acts 1:8** But ye shall receive power, **after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you**: and ye shall be witnesses unto me.

**Acts 2:1** And **when the day of Pentecost was fully come**, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And **suddenly** there came a sound from heaven as of **a rushing mighty wind**, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

**Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me** in heaven and in earth. 19 **Go ye therefore**, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

#### AΩ WORD STUDIES

##### Luke 24:11 "Idle tales" (*leros*)

Lit., silly talk; nonsense. Only here in New Testament. Used in medical language of the wild talk of delirium. Wyc., madness. Tynd., feigned things. —Vincent's

**2 Peter 1:19** "take heed" - (*prosecho*) Lit., set your mind on.

**2 Peter 1:19** "dark place" - (*auchmeroi*) parched, squalid, dirty, dark, murky—RWPNT

**John 20:7** "wrapped" - (*enteteligmenon*) to wrap in, to roll up. It was arranged in an orderly fashion. There was no haste. RWPNT

**John 20** - The Greek text gives three different words for the English word see, etc. John "seeth" (*blepo*) the grave clothes from outside. This is a casual observance. Peter goes inside and "seeth" (*theoreo*). This word means to behold or to stare. Then John goes in and "saw" (*oida*). This word means to know, to understand.