

Week 3—Simon says to live...and to die...upside down

John 21: 1—22

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REVIEW:

3 Key Characteristics of Simon Peter's Narrative:

1. The Messiah would overthrow Rome, take the throne, & redeem Israel. None of this included death. *Luke 24:21*
2. The Messiah's earthly Kingdom would be set up in its fullness immediately. *Matthew 17:4*
3. Peter would have a good position in the Kingdom. *Matthew 18:1; Luke 9:46*

A proposal: Peter denies Jesus as a result of pursuing His own version of the story.

Peter's options following his denial:

1. He could attempt to make up for his failure.
2. He could become a man filled with despair.

The heart of the gospel: Jesus meets us in our mess. vs. 4 .

Jesus is offering Peter a new beginning by giving him upside down truth.

Upside down truth # 1: To move forward you must go backward. vs.15; 1 Peter 2:9-10

Upside down truth # 2: Less is more. vs. 20-22; 1 Peter 4:7-11

Upside down truth # 3: Already, but not yet. vs. 15-17; 1 Peter 5:1-5

Upside down truth # 4: To live you must die. vs. 18-19; 1 Peter 4:1-4

Simon says if all else fails... lovingly follow Jesus.