



## *This is Your Defining Moment*

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### **Matthew 26:32-35 (New Living Translation)**

32 **But after I have been raised from the dead**, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there." 33 Peter declared, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you." 34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me." 35 "No!" Peter insisted. "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!" And all the other disciples vowed the same.

### **Matthew 26:69-75 (Contemporary English Version)**

69 While Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, a servant girl came up to him and said, "You were with Jesus from Galilee." 70 But in front of everyone Peter said, "That isn't so! I don't know what you are talking about!" 71 When Peter had gone out to the gate, another servant girl saw him and said to some people there, "This man was with Jesus from Nazareth." 72 Again Peter denied it, and this time he swore, "I don't even know that man!" 73 A little while later some people standing there walked over to Peter and said, "We know that you are one of them. We can tell it because you talk like someone from Galilee." 74 Peter began to curse and swear, "I don't know that man!" Right then a rooster crowed, 75 and Peter remembered that Jesus had said, "Before a rooster crows, you will say three times that you don't know me." Then Peter went out and cried hard.

### **Mark 16:1-7 (New King James Version)**

1 Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. 2 Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3 And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6 But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. 7 But go, tell His disciples—**and Peter**—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

### **Mark 16:1-7 (Contemporary English Version)**

1 After the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary the mother of James bought some spices to put on Jesus' body. 2 Very early on Sunday morning, just as the sun was coming up, they went to the tomb. 3 On their way, they were asking one another, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" 4 But when they looked, they saw that the stone had already been rolled away. And it was a huge stone!



5 The women went into the tomb, and on the right side they saw a young man in a white robe sitting there. They were alarmed.

6 The man said, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was nailed to a cross. God has raised him to life, and he isn't here. You can see the place where they put his body. 7 Now go and tell his disciples, **and especially Peter**, that he will go ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you."

### **This is Your Defining Moment!**

Many Christians view the picture of their faith based on the image of Christ on the cross. This has become intrinsically our symbol and definition of what it means to be a Christian. However, I want to challenge you to create a new image in your mind according to the Word of God. As Christians, the summation of our defining moment was not at the cross, but three days later. I submit that our defining moment was when Jesus rose from the dead and sat at the right hand of God! HE IS ALIVE!

### **He is Alive!**

#### **1 Corinthians 10:13 (New Living Translation)**

13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

#### **1 John 5:14-15 (New King James Version)**

14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

#### **James 1:6-8 (New Living Translation)**

6 But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. 7 Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

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#### **Mark 14:61-62 (New Living Translation)**

61 But Jesus was silent and made no reply. Then the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" 62 Jesus said, "I Am. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of **power at God's right hand** and coming on the clouds of heaven."

#### **Romans 8:34 (New Living Translation)**

34 Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.



**When you receive the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ you are no longer defined by your past; you are now defined by the new life you create in Christ.**

**Colossians 3:1 (Amplified Bible)**

1IF THEN you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at and seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

**Colossians 3:1 (The Message)**

1-2 So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective.

**He Came for You!**

**Luke 12:49-51 (The Message)**

49-53 "I've come to start a fire on this earth—how I wish it were blazing right now! I've come to change everything, turn everything rightside up—how I long for it to be finished! Do you think I came to smooth things over and make everything nice? Not so. **I've come** to disrupt and confront!

**John 9:39 (The Message)**

39 Jesus then said, "**I came** into the world to bring everything into the clear light of day, making all the distinctions clear, so that those who have never seen will see, and those who have made a great pretense of seeing will be exposed as blind."

**He Came Just for You!**

**Matthew 9:13 (New Living Translation)**

13 Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

**John 10:10 (Amplified Bible)**

10The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).

**Jesus Came for You!**

**John 3:16 (Contemporary English Version)**

16 God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.



### **1 John 1:9 (Amplified Bible)**

9 If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just (true to His own nature and promises) and will forgive our sins [dismiss our lawlessness] and [continuously] cleanse us from all unrighteousness [everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action].

### **Another Chance**

#### **John 21:15-17 (New Living Translation)**

15 After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him. 16 Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you." "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said. 17 A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep."

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#### **Romans 10:8-10,13 (New King James Version)**

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

### **2 Corinthians 5:17 (Amplified Bible)**

17 Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!

### **Christ came to give you:**

- Power
- Purpose
- Plan
- Problem
- Provision