

Light | of Jesus in my life

When I Don't Know Who I Really Am

John 18:25-27

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Introduction: It's not what you see that drives your life; it's what you don't see. The turn in the road. The root across the trail. Even more, the things inside you. The parts of yourself that even you don't see, hidden in shadow. Longings, secrets, fears....When you meet Jesus, what you notice is not just what you see in him, but what you see in yourself. And his light shining beauty into your life. It all comes out in St. John's passion. And it comes out in our lives too as we approach the light of Jesus's greatest hour.

Prayer: Father, help us to see Peter in this moment as Jesus saw him, even in Peter's denial.
Amen

Read: John 18:25-27

Review: What do you remember about the interaction between Peter and Jesus in last week's text?

Discussion:

1. What prompted the questions asked of Peter in this text?
2. Do you identify with Peter?
3. Why was Peter's apparent courage in the olive grove self-deceptive, as indicated by his answers to the questions asked of him after Jesus was arrested?
4. What was Peter's reaction to the rooster crowing? See Luke 22:62. Do you have empathy with Peter at this point?
5. Why was it necessary or important that Peter deny knowing Jesus three times? See verse 17 for the first denial.

Application: Live this week in the secure identity that Jesus has given you.

Prayer: Lord, thank you that you still have plans for us, even when we are tempted to (or do) deny you. Amen