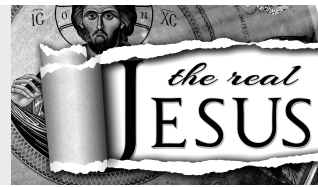


# Peter on Trial

The Real Jesus - Part 56 John 18:12-27  
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## 1. Beware of YOUR plans!

Peter was so ambitious about his plans for Jesus (and himself) that he was blinded to **Jesus' plans**. When **Peter's plans** and dreams are slipping away, his true loyalties rise to the surface. In this scene it's not just Jesus who's on trial, Peter is too.

Luke 22:42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

## 2. The Power of Politics?

It's easy to miss the role politics play in the story. The people putting Jesus on trial have more than God in mind, the Roman Empire's interest are at center stage.

This raises some interesting questions. For one, if Jesus is building a "Kingdom" why not get rid of the corrupt religious leaders and the Romans?

Consider also that Paul *NEVER* prays that the Romans would be disposed as dictators.

*We are commanded to pray for our rulers (1 Tim 2:1-2), but never asked to rely on them to build God's Kingdom. That is the work of His Spirit working through the Church - regardless of the government.*

John 11:47-50 The chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin... What are we accomplishing? they asked. "Here is this man performing many signs. <sup>48</sup> If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation." <sup>49</sup> Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! <sup>50</sup> You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."

## 3. Three strikes - you're NOT out!

Betrayal is among our biggest sources of personal pain and is not easy to forgive. After all of Peter's missteps, it would be understandable if following these three strikes Jesus was done with Peter.

Jesus spent a lot of time talking about forgiveness, it will be on full display with Peter in the not to distant future (John 21).

*Matt. 21:21-22* "Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.



### Community Group Questions:

1. What did you hear? What hit home from the message? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
2. When have you been tempted to write someone off who let you down, but reflecting on it now, you're thankful you didn't?
3. Read some of 1st or 2nd Peter, what are some examples of how forgiveness (or other experiences Peter has with Jesus) influence Peter's letters?

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