

Peter? My chosen one to Feed My lambs; Shepherd (tend) My sheep; Feed My sheep; even though he cursed Me.

Matthew 16:16-19

(16) Simon Peter replied, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

(17) Then Jesus answered him, Blessed (happy, fortunate, and N1to be envied) are you, Simon Bar-Jonah. For flesh and blood [men] have not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in heaven.

(18) And I tell you, you are Peter [Greek, Petros--a large piece of rock], and on this rock [Greek, petra--a huge rock like Gibraltar] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades (the powers of the N3infernal region) shall N4not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it].

(19) I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth N1must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth N2must be what is already loosed in heaven. [Isa_22:22].

Matthew 16:22-23

(22) Then Peter took Him aside N1to speak to Him privately and began to reprove and N2charge Him sharply, saying, God forbid, Lord! This must never happen to You!

(23) But Jesus turned N1away from Peter and said to him, Get behind Me, Satan! You are in My way [an offense and a hindrance and a snare to Me]; for you are N2minding what partakes not of the nature and quality of God, but of men.

Matthew 26:69-75

(69) Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and N1one maid came up to him and said, You were also with Jesus the Galilean!

(70) But he denied it N1falsely before them all, saying, I do not know what you mean.

(71) And when he had gone out to the porch, another maid saw him, and she said to the bystanders, This fellow was with Jesus the Nazarene!

(72) And again he denied it and N1disowned Him with an oath, saying, I do not know the Man!

(73) After a little while, the bystanders came up and said to Peter, You certainly are one of them too, for even your accent betrays you.

(74) Then Peter began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, I do not even know the Man! And at that moment a rooster crowed.

(75) And Peter remembered Jesus' words, when He had said, Before a N1single rooster crows, you will deny and disown Me three times. And he went outside and wept bitterly.

John 21:15-22

(15) When they had eaten, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these [others do--with reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion, as one loves the Father]? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You [that I have deep, instinctive, personal affection for You, as for a close friend]. He said to him, Feed My lambs.

(16) Again He said to him the second time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me [with reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion, as one loves the Father]? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You [that I have a deep, instinctive, personal affection for You, as for a close friend]. He said to him, Shepherd (tend) My sheep.

(17) He said to him the third time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me [with a deep, instinctive, personal affection for Me, as for a close friend]? Peter was grieved (was saddened and hurt) that He should ask him the third time, Do you love Me? And he said to Him, Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You [that I have a deep, instinctive, personal affection for You, as for a close friend]. Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep.

(18) I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, when you were young you girded yourself [put on your own belt or girdle] and you walked about wherever you pleased to go. But when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will put a girdle around you and carry you where you do not wish to go.

(19) He said this to indicate by what kind of death Peter would glorify God. And after this, He said to him, Follow Me!

(20) But Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved, following--the one who also had leaned back on His breast at the supper and had said, Lord, who is it that is going to betray You?

(21) When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, Lord, what about this man?

(22) Jesus said to him, If I want him to stay (survive, live) until I come, what is that to you? [What concern is it of yours?] You follow Me!