

I. What Peter was prepared to do

- A. Leave everything and follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11)
- B. Obey Jesus, even when it didn't make sense (Luke 5:4-5)
- C. Worship Jesus (Luke 9:28-33 cf. 5:8)
- D. Believe in Jesus (Luke 9:18-20)
- E. Preach about Jesus (Luke 9:1-6)
- F. Suffer for Jesus (Luke 22:33)
- G. Kill for Jesus (Luke 22:49-51 cf. John 18:10)

II. What Peter was not prepared to do

- A. Pray (Mark 9:28-29; Luke 22:45 cf. Luke 9:32)
- B. Deny himself (Luke 9:23 with 22:61)
- C. Accept a crucified Lord
- D. Love Jesus (John 13:3-8)

III. What are you prepared to do about Jesus Christ?

- A. What's at stake: eternity (John 3:3; 13:8)
- B. What's at stake: a life well spent or wasted
- C. Are you prepared to pray?
- D. Are you prepared to deny yourself?
- E. Are you prepared to do nothing?
  - i. the Christ, the Son of God *does not need Peter's help* (Matthew 26:52-53)
  - ii. what Peter needs now, most in all the world, is not to help Jesus: Peter needs a crucified Christ
  - iii. If you love Jesus and want to follow him, you need to learn what Peter learned that night: Jesus doesn't need any help from you; you need his cross. (1 Peter 1:8-9)