

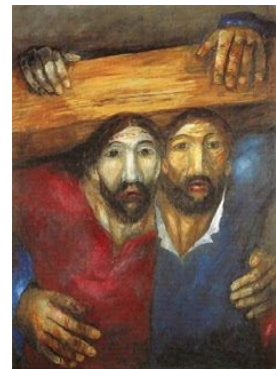
## St Peter

### *Isaiah 53, 10 - 12*

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him;  
He has put Him to grief.  
When You make His soul an offering for sin,  
He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days,  
And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

He shall see the labour of His soul, and be satisfied.  
By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many,  
For He shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great,  
And He shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
Because He poured out His soul unto death,  
And He was numbered with the transgressors,  
And He bore the sin of many,  
And made intercession for the transgressors.



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### ***Peter tells his story***

Ever done something you regretted? How about something you are totally ashamed of? "Please ground, swallow me up" type of thing? My big mouth was always getting me into trouble.

I have always been impetuous - "opening my mouth before engaging brain". I would like to say I always had the best of motives, but he always saw through me and knew my heart. As often as not I was acting from self interest, or just had things completely wrong.

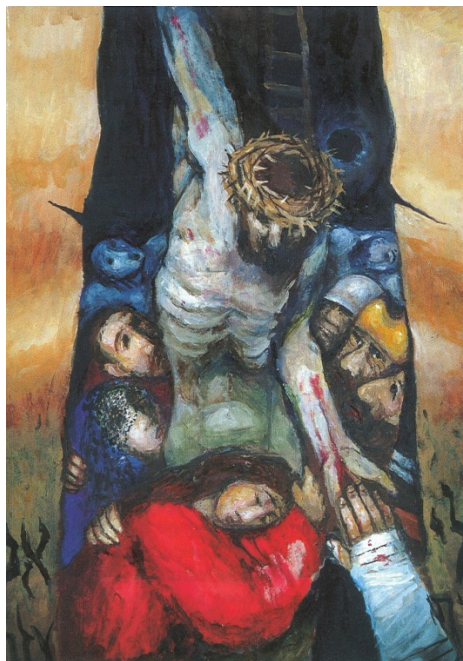
So that night when I vowed I would never desert him, he knew just how much my words meant. When the cock crowed and he looked at me, I suddenly realised how much I had failed him - and there he stood, on trial and friendless.

The next two days were dark for me - but they were as nothing compared with what he went through - ridicule, torture, death and burial. Then came the startling news -

"he is risen - he is alive again". The stone being rolled away lifted a stone from my heart and the curtain from my mind. The odd things he had said while I was following him suddenly started to make some sort of incredible sense.

Later, he came to meet us when we were out fishing. I was desperate to talk to him, and jumped out of the boat to meet him. What he said to me when we were alone by the side of the lake, I shall never tell; that is something private between us. What I will say though is that I, Peter, the one who denied him, blasphemed, and got so much wrong, was overcome by his love and restored. And he called me "a rock" and gave me a mission for my life.

It is certainly true - the saying "He who is forgiven much, loves much.". I still get things wrong, but I know that he is always ready to forgive. And I am continually amazed at the depth of his love, and the power of his Comforter that he gave us. My life is now lived completely for him, as his was lived and spent for me.



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### ***Prayer***

My Lord, your son has suffered so much. I was born with so many faults and my nature is so full of weakness, and yet your son Jesus has died on the cross, for me. I know your grace has the power to cleanse me of my many sins and to make me more like your Son. Thank you for your goodness and love for me. I ask you, Father, to watch over me, always, and help me to fulfil the tasks you have set me, through the power of Jesus' resurrection.