

THE TESTIMONY OF PETER, THE DISCIPLE

PETER: If Jesus had not found me, nobody would remember me. I would have been just another fisherman. If Jesus had forgotten me, I would have been remembered, but as coward, a buffoon, one who pretended to be more than he was intended to be.

This is Peter, who tried to walk on the water. And sank

This is Peter, who told Jesus not to talk about his death. And he scolded me.

This is Peter, who tried to be brave when Jesus was arrested, but denied him not once, but three times.

This is Peter, who saw the cross from a distance — because I was afraid. So afraid.

I don't know if Jesus saw me crouching on the edge of the crowd, but I know he knew I was there. He knew so much about me. He knew that I was weak. He knew that I would deny him. He told me so. But he loved me.

You know, when he told me that I would deny him, the very next thing he said was, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. Trust in me."

As I crouched at the edge of the crowd, I wept. I believed. No matter what I said, I still believed. And I saw him hanging there.

If that had been the end of it, nobody would have remembered any of us. But it wasn't. Jesus hanging on the cross became Jesus among us, the Jesus that rose from the dead. The Jesus, the Son of God, who promised us his spirit.

I'm not afraid anymore. Jesus told me that he was going to his Father to prepare a place for me. And I'll go there—when I have done all that he has for me to do here.

This is Peter, who serves the resurrected Son of the Most High God.

MUSIC: I Stand Amazed in the Presence

