



Jesus reinstates Peter John 21



THINK

Can you think of a time when a friend has let you down?

Have you ever betrayed one of your friends?

How did you feel?

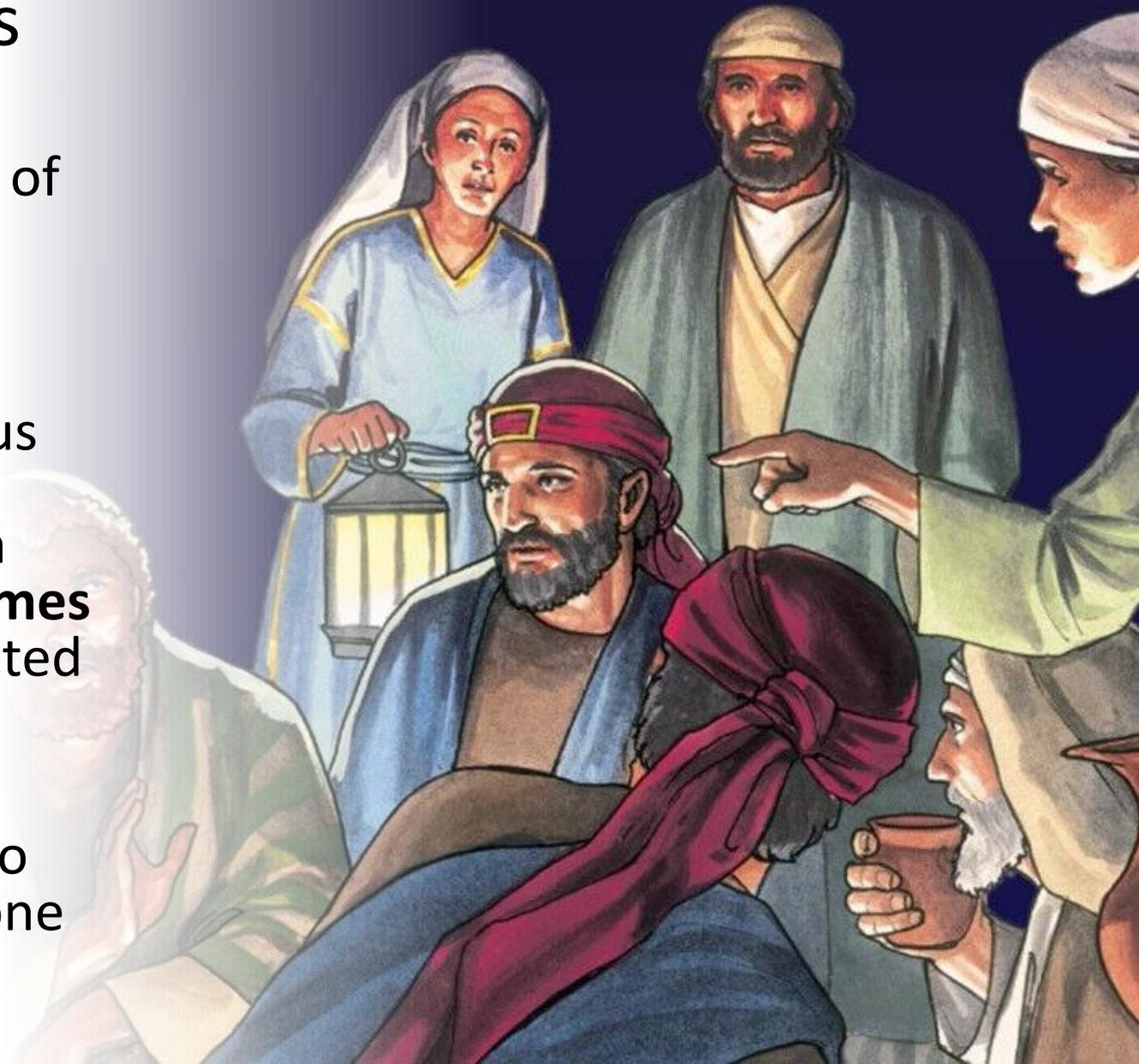


Peter denies knowing Jesus

Peter had been one of
Jesus' disciples, his
closest followers

However, when Jesus
was crucified, Peter
denied that he even
knew Jesus **three times**
(as Jesus had predicted
he would)

He was too scared to
admit that he was one
of Jesus' friends

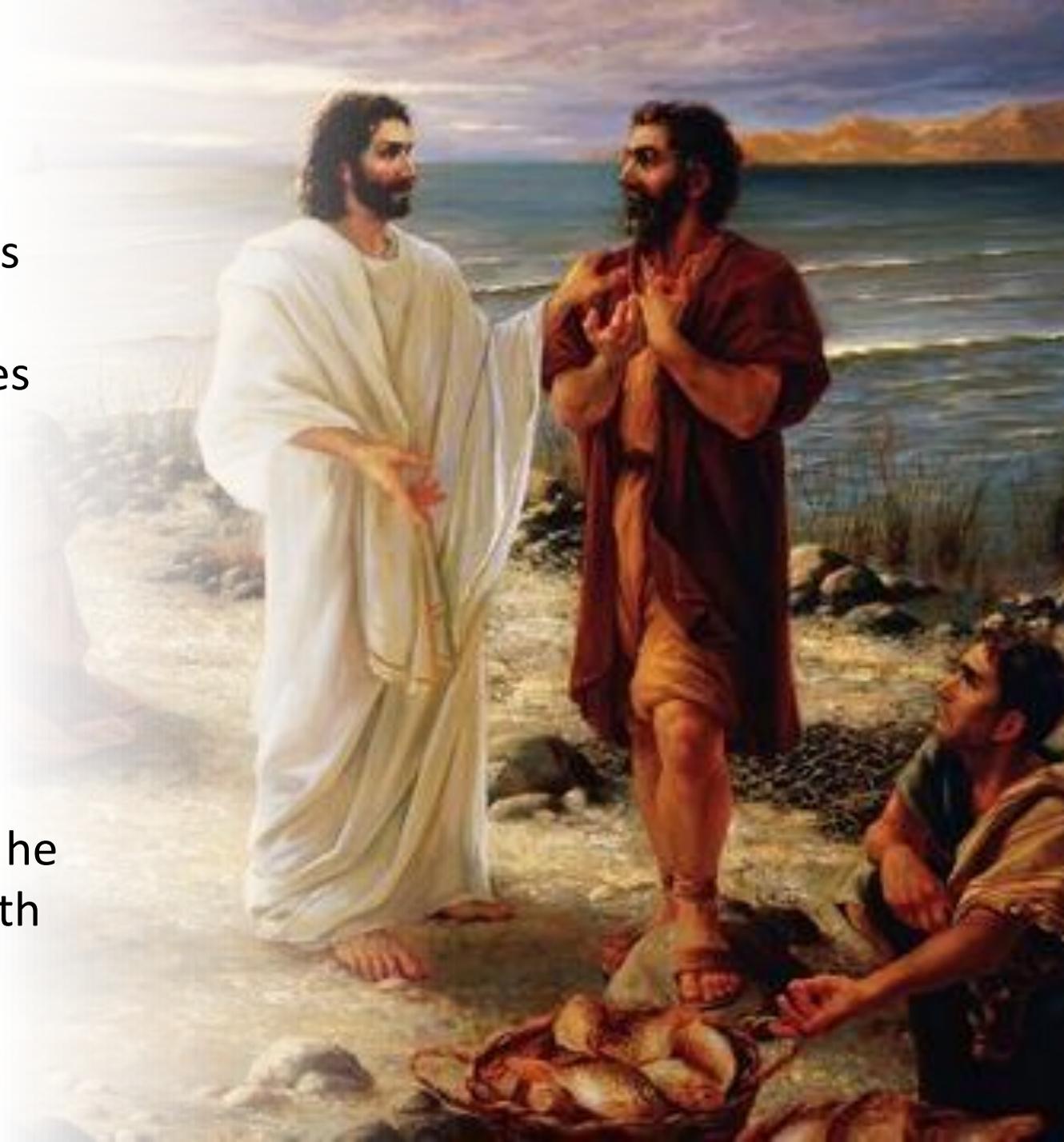


John 21

This passage describes the third time Jesus appears to his disciples after his resurrection.

He has breakfast with the disciples on the beach.

After they had eaten, he has a conversation with Simon Peter...



John 21 v 15-19

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’

‘Yes, Lord,’ he said, ‘you know that I love you.’

Jesus said, ‘Feed my lambs.’

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’

He answered, ‘Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.’

Jesus said, ‘Take care of my sheep.’

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ He said, ‘Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.’

Jesus said, ‘Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.’ ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, ‘Follow me!’

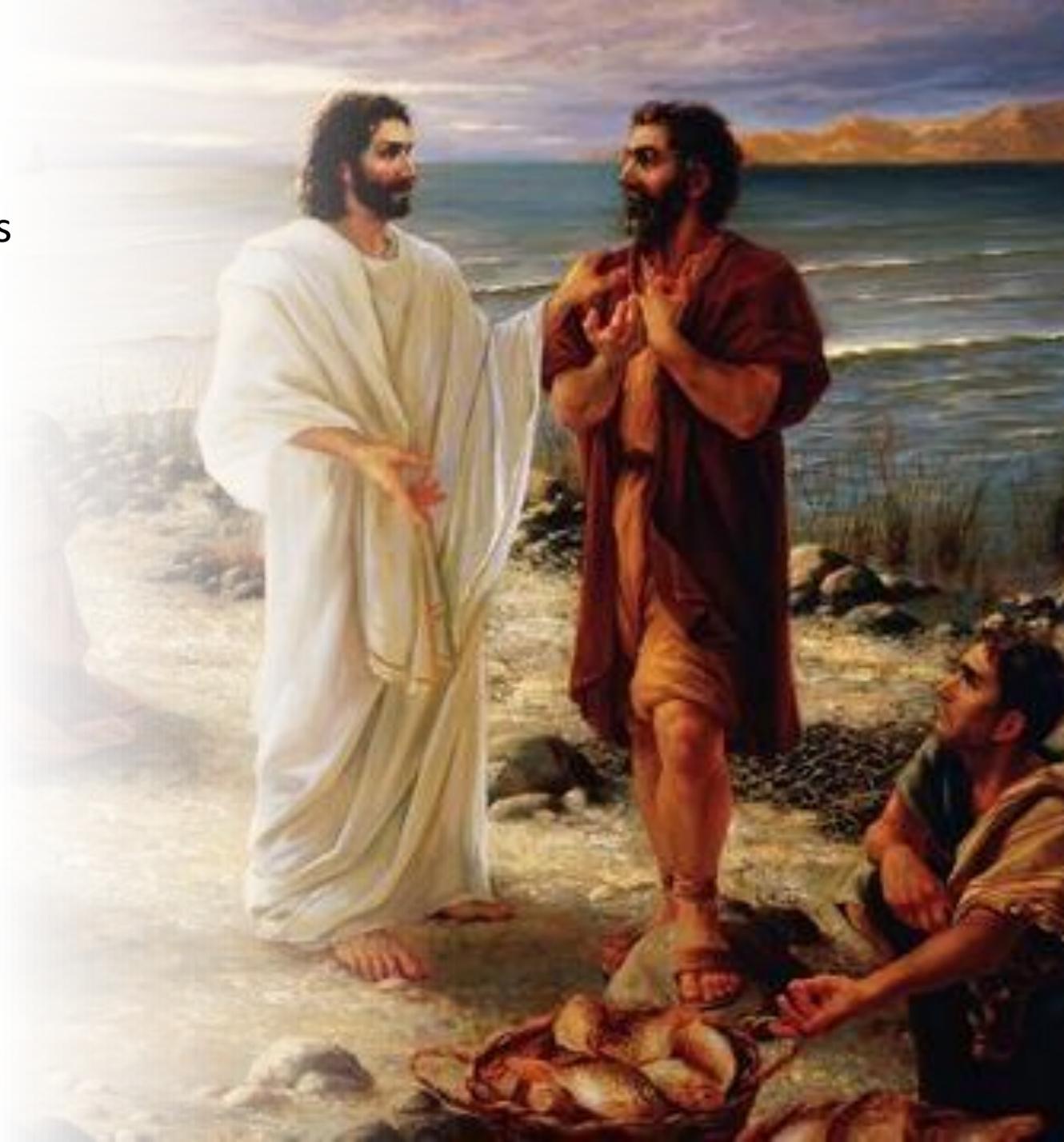
Discuss

Why do you think Jesus repeats his question three times?

Why do you think Simon Peter is hurt by this?

Jesus forgives Peter, and after this Peter becomes the leader of the early church - the 'rock' on which the church is built.

What can we learn from Jesus' example and Peter's life?



REFLECT...

Think by yourself:

- Have there been times when you have denied knowing Jesus or being a Christian?
- Is there someone who you have let down who you need to ask for forgiveness?
- Is there someone who you could forgive?



Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank you that you love us and forgive us when we have done wrong. Please help us to follow your example and forgive others when they have done wrong to us. Help us to live in peace with our brothers and sisters.

Amen.

