

# THE STORY OF PETER And THE STORY OF RUTH

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## CHAPTER SEVEN

### PETER AND A SPECIAL APPOINTMENT

A FEW HOURS after these events, the agonies of the cross were ended. Jesus had been crucified. The darkness, that for three hours hung so heavily, lifted and Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus lovingly buried the mangled body of Jesus Christ.

The next day was the last real Sabbath ever celebrated. What a day it must have been to the followers of the Lord Jesus who were both fearful and disappointed! Fearful of the Jews who hated them and disappointed because, as one of them said, **“We thought it had been He who would have redeemed Israel.”**

That is to say, “We were certain that He was our Messiah and that He would restore unto us our national life. We hoped that He was our king but now He is dead. We have been mistaken.”

If the day was hard for the others, how much more so it must have been for Simon Peter!

Something like this may have been in his mind, “My heart is broken. I have sinned against my loving Lord. I am not worthy to look into His blessed face. That last, dreadful night I boastfully said that I would go with Him to prison or to death. I boasted that if all should deny Him I would not. I even said that I would die with Him before I'd deny Him. And then came those awful hours when He needed me most and I miserably failed Him. I went so far as to curse and to swear that I had never known Him! I can never forget the look that He gave me when they led Him from the judgment hall. It was such a kind, loving look, the kind that made me despise myself.”

But early on the first day of the week, the day after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene, a follower of Jesus, came running to where Peter was staying in Jerusalem to tell him of the empty tomb. John, being the younger man, outran Peter and got there first but did not enter.

When Peter arrived he rushed right in and saw for himself the empty tomb. That is what we would expect of Peter.

Before the day was over the Lord Jesus met and talked with Mary Magdalene and some of the other women and told them to tell the disciples and Peter to meet Him in Galilee.

“. . . **And Peter,**” a special invitation from the risen, glorified Lord to Peter who had so shamefully denied Him. I believe that message made Peter more than ever conscious of his sin.

Perhaps it was with this in mind and, indeed, with a heavy heart that Peter walked out alone through the narrow streets of the old city. Presently a well-known voice called softly, “Peter,” and Peter was face to face with the risen Lord.

The Bible does not tell us what passed between them, but I am convinced that ever after that Peter knew that he had been forgiven and restored to favor with his blessed Lord. Joy and peace were his once more, and his conscience was at rest.

The Lord had told the disciples many times that He would die in Jerusalem and rise from the dead, and that He would meet them again in Galilee, but none of them seemed to have understood it. They were like folk now, who do not believe that the words of Jesus mean what they say.

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