



Title | Between an Officer and a Fisherman
Series | Now I See
Text | John 18:15-27
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Sermon Notes

John 18:15 Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, 16 but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. 17 The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." 18 Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. 19 The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. 20 Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. 21 Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said." 22 When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" 23 Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?" 24 Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. 25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." 26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" 27 Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed. *ESV*

Big Idea:

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John 18:17
The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?"
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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

Read John 18:19-24. How would you characterize the actions of "one of the officers" toward Jesus? How do you think Jesus felt? How would you characterize the response of Jesus to the officer? What are the implications for us? Is this good news? Why or why not?

Tuesday:

Read John 18:15-18; 25-27. How would characterize the actions of Peter? If Peter was indeed the leader among the twelve disciples and the closest to Jesus, how do think this made Jesus feel?

Wednesday:

Read John 13:36-38. What does say about Jesus? Is this good news? Why or why not?

Thursday:

Read John 21:1-17. Did Peter's denials recorded in John 18:15-18; 25-27 disqualify him? How do you know? Is this good news? Why or why not?

Friday:

The original Greek word for "charcoal fire" appears in only two places in the entire Bible. One is in John 18:18; the other comes later in John 21:9. Why do you think John, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, includes this detail in only these two places? What is the connection? What does it tell us about God and his word to us in Scripture? Is this good news? Why or why not?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, in this scary time, help me to see the truth—the truth that no virus can quarantine me from your love. Your grace has overcome. And my heart is overwhelmed with gratitude. Amen.