

## Luke 22:31-34 **Peter Sifted by Satan**

<sup>31</sup> And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. <sup>32</sup> But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." <sup>33</sup> But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death." <sup>34</sup> Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

### Special Prayer for Peter

- ✚ And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and **when you have returned to Me**, strengthen your brethren." [Luke 22:31-32]
  - ✧ Jesus demonstrated that He even knows the request of Satan before God the Father, and that Peter would fail the test. [Luke 22:31]
  - ✧ Jesus had prayed for Peter, but knew that Satan would be allowed to tempt Peter.
  - ✧ Jesus knew that Peter would return in repentance after he was aware of his failure and would become a strength for the others.
- ✚ Peter promised that even if all the rest of the disciples were made to stumble, still he would not be made to stumble. [Matthew 26:33, Mark 14:29, Luke 22:33]
  - ✧ It is so easy to make rash promises when we don't know our own nature.
- ✚ Jesus said, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." [Matthew 26:34, Mark 14:30, Luke 22:34]
  - ✧ Jesus knows the deepest of secrets and the heart of a man, even when the man himself doesn't know.
- ✚ Peter promised that even if he were to die with Jesus, he would not deny Him. [Matthew 26:35, Mark 14:31, Luke 22:33]
- ✚ All the rest of the disciples said the same. [Matthew 26:35, Mark 14:31]