

## **SERIES: ANCHORED**

**DATE:** Sunday, March 12-13, 2022

**SERMON:** Anchored in Life Change

**SCRIPTURE:** John 18:15-27 NIV

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[15] Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard,

[16] but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in.

[17] "You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?" she asked Peter. He replied, "I am not."

[18] It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

[19] Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

[20] "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret.

[21] Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said."

[22] When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded.

[23] "If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?"

[24] Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

[25] Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, "You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?" He denied it, saying, "I am not."

[26] One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the garden?"

[27] Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

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1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Malcus (v26).
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Beloved Disciple.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Simon Peter.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Redemption.

# Lagniappe

We have had two long and difficult years. Two years ago this weekend was the last “normal” weekend of worship we have had.

The two years since have been filled with worry, anguish, and grief for almost every family. Many families have experienced difficulty and pain – some because of Covid, and others for various life-changing reasons.

We should not forget these families and their struggles. They need the love of God and the love of God’s people in difficult times.

These two years have also been difficult for the church. Since only a few of us can remember World War II, these two years have been the most difficult of any time of our lives. We have seen worship services when only a few people attended, and we have seen times when only the worship team attended with the services being live-streamed across the country.

What strange days!

*But there is good news.*

**Last weekend we had the highest worship attendance since the first Sunday in March 2020.** It was wonderful to get to look out to the congregation and see so many people worshipping God.

I want to commend you on your faithfulness during these two years. We have seen people go out of their way to lead, worship, give, and serve. It is my hope that we will see attendance continue to increase leading up to Easter Sunday.

*Would you join with me in pledging to “not forsake the assembling of yourselves together?”*

*Would you make this Easter a time of renewed devotion to God?*

**We have designated next weekend – March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20 as our HIGH ATTENDANCE weekend.** Would you join with me during this time as we continuing to prepare for Easter and emphasize the future of our church through special worship and praise? Let us do so to glorify God and to encourage the saints in worship and service.

-Waylon Bailey