THE PEOPLE OF GOD – SERIES 2

Bible Reading Plan, January - April 2019

Peter: Faith at the crossroads

Peter

John 21:15-22

...but to understand what's happening we need to go back...

Peter

Peter had hit rock-bottom
– John 18:27
– Mark 14:72

He'd messed up and denied Jesus three times

So this is Jesus restoring Peter, but it's more…

Peter

Knew who he was

- He'd been chosen to be with Jesus
- Jesus is the Messiah
- Jesus is bringing the kingdom
- Serve him

But Jesus wouldn't let him!
John 13:6-7

Peter

Knew what he had to do

- He'd been chosen to be with Jesus
- Jesus is the Messiah
- Jesus is bringing the kingdom
- Fight for him
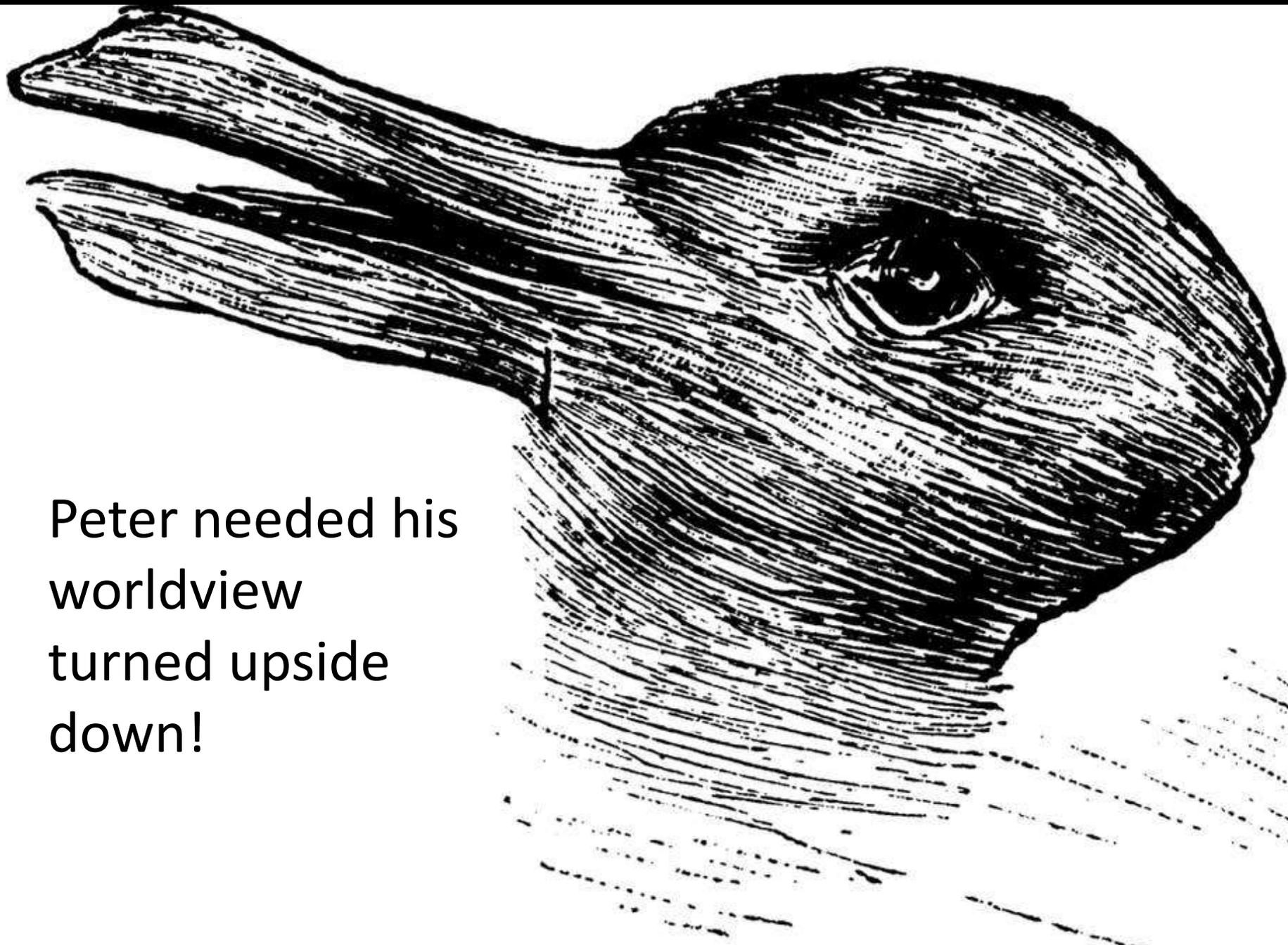
But Jesus wouldn't let him!
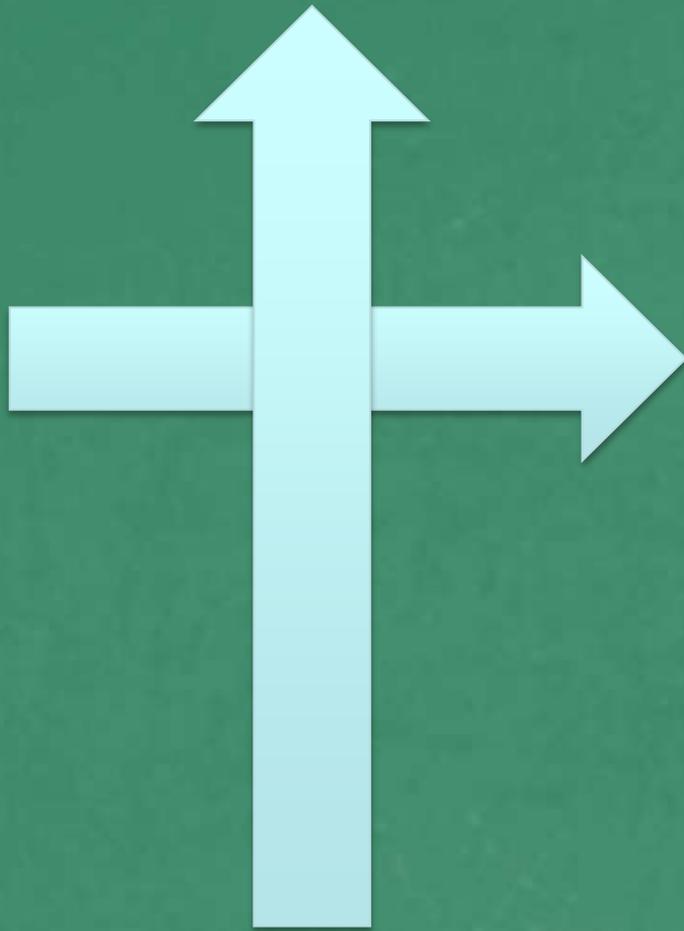John 18:10-11

Peter

Knew where he was going
- He'd been chosen to be with Jesus
- Jesus is the Messiah
- Jesus is bringing the kingdom
- Follow him

But Jesus said he couldn't!
John 13:36-38

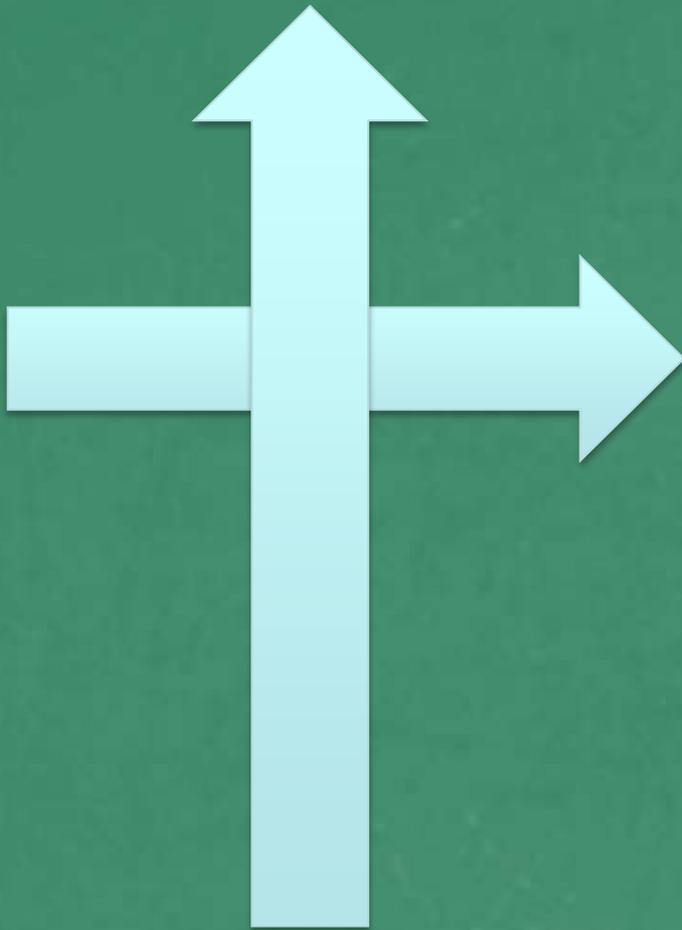Peter needed his worldview turned upside down!

Jesus

"Knew that his hour had come... that he should depart... that the Father had given all things... that he had come from God and was going to God, rose... took a towel and girded himself..."
John 13:1-3

Peter

Needed to know

- He was still chosen
  - John 21:15
- He could serve the sheep
  - John 21:16
- He could lay down his life
  - John 21:18-19
- He could follow Jesus!
  - John 21:19

Spoiler alert! The Spirit is coming…

Peter

Learned

- The kingdom does not come with
  - False humility
  - Zeal
  - Human effort
- But by
  - True humility
  - True love
  - The Father's gift

You and me

Are still chosen

Can serve

Can lay down our lives

And watch the Father give us the Kingdom!

Let's pray ...

Dear Jesus,

Please come into my life today;

I want to know you better.

Fill me with your hope, your love and your joy;

Forgive me where I mess up;

Help me to know I'm a child of God,

And give me the courage to lay down my life
and work with You for good.

Amen

HAVE A GREAT WEEK

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