

Peter's Evil Day

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Why Did Satan Want Peter?

- **Peter was a leader – impact others**
 - **Paul warned**
 - **Elders (Acts 20:28-31)**
 - **Preachers (2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Tim. 5:22; 2 Tim. 4:5)**
 - **James warned teachers (Jas. 3:1)**

Why Did Satan Want Peter?

- **Peter was zealous**
 - Zealous sinners make zealous Christians Example: Paul
 - Zealous Christians who fall away make zealous sinners (Heb. 6:6).
 - Example: Julian who dipped his hands in bull's blood.

What was Satan going to do?

- Violent shaking just like putting wheat on a sieve.

When?

- After Jesus was arrested
- Remember
 - Peter had been weakened through trouble with the other apostles (Lk. 22:24-30)
 - He had slept when trouble was brewing (Lk. 22:54-62)

Satan was behind it, but Peter Contributed to It

- **Followed at a distance (Lk. 22:54)**
- **At wrong place (Lk. 22:55)**
- **With wrong Crowd (Lk. 22:55)**
- **Forgot what the Master had said (Lk. 22:34)**

Can We Overcome Satan's Sifting?

- **Yes, with the help of Jesus!**
 - **His prayers (Lk. 22:32)**
 - **His advocacy (1 Jno. 2:1)**
 - **His Promises (1 Cor. 10:13)**

Can We Overcome Satan's Sifting?

- **Yes, with some common sense**
 - **Pray (Matt. 6:13)**
 - **Realize weaknesses (Lk. 22:54-62)**
 - **Stay focused (Matt. 6:33)**
 - **Strengthen our faith (Eph. 6:10)**