

We cannot interpret
scripture to mean
something, it did not
mean when it was written.

Around the age of 14 or 15 years old, the young men would finish their schooling and the Rabbis would question these young men. They would then choose the best of the best to be their disciples and would call them using the same phrase that Jesus used, "Follow me."

As one would leave and begin to follow, others would say to him, "May you be covered with the dust of your Rabbi." The students would follow the rabbi so closely that the dust from the road that came from the feet of the Rabbi would cover the disciple.

HOWEVER - If a young man was rejected by the Rabbi, he would say to him, "Go home, have children, and pray that they may become a Rabbi. Go home and ply your trade (go home and learn the family business)."

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And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” So he went out and wept bitterly.

And the witnesses laid
down their clothes at
the feet of a young
man named Saul.

Then they all
forsook Him and
fled.

SCRIPTURE
REFERENCE

MARK 14 v 50

Peter did not come with an impressive résumé. He did not stand out as one of the smartest or holiest or most gifted or most talented people of his time, nor did he hold any position of leadership among the Jews. He was not a priest. He wasn't part of the elite ruling class. He wasn't a religious expert like the Pharisees. He was just an ordinary, uneducated fisherman working on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

And it's clear from the Gospels that Peter was far from perfect. He does exhibit some moments of great faith, but he's also known for making big mistakes and overestimating his abilities, like misunderstanding Jesus (Mt 16:22), limiting forgiveness (Mt 18:21) and lacking in trust (Mt 14:30). Peter even denies Jesus three times and abandons him in his greatest hour of need (Mt 26:75).

Peter was an ordinary person like us — someone who had good intentions but didn't have it all together — and yet, Jesus still called him to be his disciple. And Peter's life was transformed through this process of discipleship: He eventually became a great Christian leader, a holy saint, a courageous witness to Christ and even a martyr in Rome.

It shall come to pass in that day
That his burden will be taken away from
your shoulder,
And his yoke from your neck,
And the yoke will be destroyed because
of the anointing oil.

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

We often think about the yoke as something used on animals to keep them together while plowing a field or pulling a heavy load, but that's not what Jesus is talking about at all. In Jesus day, to take on the "yoke of the Rabbi" meant that the disciple would make their Rabbi's interpretation of the Scriptures their own.

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STEP 1: KNOW - YOU ARE CLEAN

STEP 2: DUST OF THE RABBI

STEP 3: EASY & LIGHT

NEXT STEPS

