

In Denial

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CHARACTER NAME	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
Narrator Jesus	Can be double cast with Jesus
Peter	Confident and self assured.
Female Servant New Kid	Can be double cast with new kid.
Someone Else Ms. Miranda	Can be double cast with Ms. Miranda
Another Person Bethany	Can be double cast with Bethany
Popular Kid	Fashion driven and shallow
Friend	Self centered
Bully	Mean

Feel free to reassign any lines if you have a smaller group!

The actors take the stage huddled around DSR. Jesus stands USL with His back to the audience. The narrator enters and takes center stage.

NARRATOR

Luke 22:55-62. Some men had lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard. As they sat together, Peter sat among them.

Peter sneaks to the edge of the huddle.

NARRATOR

A female servant saw him as he sat facing the glow of the fire. She stared at him and said,

FEMALE SERVANT

(Pointing at Peter) This man was with Jesus!

NARRATOR

But Peter denied it by saying,

PETER

I don't know him, woman.

Peter pulls his hood over his head and takes a few steps back.

NARRATOR

A little later someone else saw Peter and said,

SOMEONE ELSE

You are one of them!

NARRATOR

But Peter said,

PETER

Not me!

Peter moves to the opposite side of the huddle.

NARRATOR

About an hour later another person insisted,

ANOTHER PERSON

It's obvious that this man was with him. He's a Galilean!

Pete runs to center stage.

PETER

I don't know what you're talking about!

Jesus turns around and starts to move slowly towards Peter.

NARRATOR

Then the Lord turned and looked directly at Peter. Peter remembered what the Lord had said:

Jesus is now face to face with Peter.

JESUS

Before a rooster crows today, you will say three times that you don't know me.

They freeze.

NARRATOR

Then Peter went outside and cried bitterly.

Beat.

Everyone breaks character except for the Narrator. They start to turn upstage into a hangout spot.

NARRATOR

We can be so quick to judge Peter for denying Jesus. But are we any different?

PETER

(Now speaking as a normal person) Excuse me? I am different. Just look at my life.

Peter removes his hoodie to reveal a shirt that says
JESUS

PETER

See! And all of my friends know that I go to church! I practically live there! I don't deny Jesus.

NARRATOR

You don't?

The Narrator steps to the side and the cast creates a scene in a school cafeteria. Peter is surrounded by friends. A new kid seems to look lost at lonely.

PETER

Hey! Check it out. It's that new kid.

POPULAR KID

Eww. Don't look at them! I just heard that they moved .

FRIEND

Yeah, they look kind of weird.

BULLY

Actually, they ride my bus. Their bus stop is outside of a motel.

POPULAR KID

Really?! Is that were they live?

BULLY

Yeah! I saw them come out of one of the rooms.

FRIEND

Keep it down, I think they can hear you.

New kid shyly moves away from the group. Ms. Miranda passes by.

PETER

Oh no!

FRIEND

What's up?

PETER

I totally forgot to do my math homework? Did anyone else do it?

POPULAR KID

Yeah. You can copy mine at lunch.

Ms. Miranda approaches the group.

MS. MIRANDA

Good morning. I trust that we all did the homework.

PETER

I know I did!

Ms. Miranda smiles and walks away. Once she's far enough out of ear shot the group laughs. Bethany another student approaches Ms. Miranda and they have a conversation.

BULLY

Oh! Hey did you hear about Bethany?

POPULAR KID

Hear what?

Friend notions for everyone to huddle in and they whisper something shocking

POPULAR KID

Are you kidding?

PETER

No, no! That actually makes sense! She goes to youth group with me, but I haven't seen her there in a while. I can't believe she would do that. I have to tell everyone! We need to pray for her! She's really lost and needs a friend, but I guess that's what happens. I'll text the details to my youth group chat.

The friend group disperses and Peter stays in the same spot. The new kid from earlier approaches.

NEW KID

Excuse me?

PETER

Yeah?

NEW KID

Your shirt? Does that say Jesus on it?

PETER

Uh, yeah it does.

NEW KID

So you're a Christian.

PETER

Yes. Yes I am.

NEW KID

Then why were you making fun of me with your friends?

Peter uncomfortable starts to put his hoodie back on.

PETER

Uh, I wasn't making fun of you.

NEW KID

But your friends were! And you didn't do anything.

PETER

Look...

As Peter starts to talk, Mr. Miranda approaches.

MS. MIRANDA

You cheated!

PETER

No, I didn't! How would you know?

MS. MIRANDA

You and your friends have the exact same answers! All of the same things were right and wrong! And what's worse, I asked you earlier and you lied to me!

PETER

(Putting his hood over his head) What! No I didn't. How do you know they didn't copy me! I swear...

Bethany approaches angrily.

BETHANY

Why is my number blocked by everyone in Youth Group?

PETER

I don't know.

BETHANY

Melissa texted me and said that you told people that I was...

PETER

Is it true?

BETHANY

That's doesn't matter. That wasn't your to share. You don't care about me!

PETER

No, no. Listen...

NEW KID

You're mean.

PETER

No! Look at my shirt! I'm a Christian!

MS. MIRANDA

I would have never expected this from you.

PETER

You don't understand. I made a mistake.

BETHANY

I thought we were friends.

PETER

We are! It's just...

Everyone starts to walk away while Peter keeps pleading his case.

Peter is now alone. Narrator steps back to Center Stage.

NARRATOR

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.