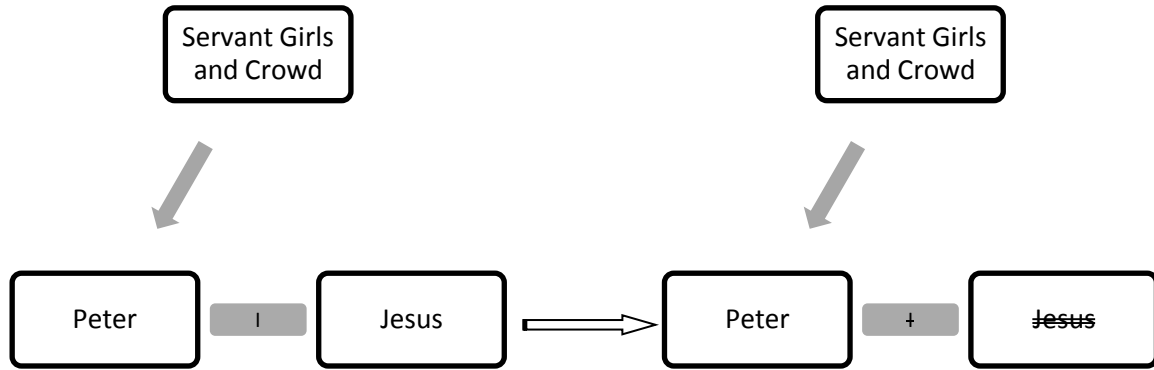


SCAPEGOAT MECHANISM – TYPE 3 (SMT3): SHAME



Peter is guided by the fear of becoming a social outcast if he associates with Jesus. He has the tendency to *sacrifice* Jesus in order to protect a socially acceptable (*mimetically* mediated) self-image. This sacrifice shows itself in mental or physical acts of hetero-aggression. In short, Peter denies affiliation with Jesus at all costs, because he has learned to be ashamed of this affiliation. Peter is afraid of having to suffer as well. That's why he doesn't stand up for his friend. So Jesus is also the victim of Peter's hypocrisy.

Peter's desire for recognition clashes with his affiliation with Jesus.