



“Peter Denies His Lord”

Sunday, November 12, 2023 | Text: Matthew 26:69-75

Parallel Passages: Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27

Review.

A. Peter claims he would never deny Jesus.

Matthew 26:33-35; Luke 22:31-34

B. Peter follows Jesus at a distance after His arrest.

Matthew 26:58

I. Peter denies his Lord.

Matthew 26:69-70 - *Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, “You also were with Jesus of Galilee.”⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you are saying.”*

II. Peter denies his Lord a second time.

Matthew 26:71-72 - *And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, “This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth.”*

⁷² *But again he denied with an oath, “I do not know the Man!”*

III. Peter denies his Lord a third time.

Matthew 26:73-75 - *And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, “Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you.”*

⁷⁴ *Then he began to curse and swear, saying, “I do not know the Man!” Immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ 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.*

Luke 22:60-62 - *But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are saying!”*

Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” ⁶² So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Application.

A. Just like Peter, we have denied our Lord.

B. Just like Peter, the Lord Jesus loves us, protects us, and is preparing us for faithfulness.

Jesus prays for Peter, Luke 22:31-32

Jesus restores Peter, John 21:15-17, Acts 4:13

Jesus cares for ALL His people, Phil. 1:6; Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:28

Next Sunday’s Sermon: Matthew 27:1-10

Today’s Key Insight! If you were to share a key insight from today’s sermon with a friend, what would you say? In a sentence or two, write down here what you would say:

Discussion Questions: Why would Satan want to “sift” Peter? What are some of the measures Peter took to attempt to prove he wasn’t a follower of Jesus? Why didn’t Peter refer to Jesus by name in this passage? What caused Peter to weep? In what ways have we denied our Lord? Is it possible to continue to deny Jesus after conversion? How was Peter different after he was restored by Jesus? How does Christ restore people today? Explain.

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