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Peter's Denial

John 18:15-18, 25-27

I. First Denial: Peter is Caught off Guard (vv. 15-18)

[Matt. 26:69-70; Mk. 14:66-68; Lk. 22:54-57]

- A. Peter stood _____ the door (vv. 15-16)
[Jn. 13:23; 19:26; 21:7; 1 Cor. 10:12]
- B. Peter denied that he was a _____ of Christ (v. 17)
[Matt. 10:33; Prov. 16:18; Matt. 26:70]
- C. Peter tried to _____ in with the others (v. 18)
[Lk. 12:11-12; 1 Pet. 3:15]

II. Second Denial: Peter Doubled Down with an Oath (v. 25)

[Matt. 26:71-72; Mk. 14:69-70a; Lk. 22:58]

- A. Peter denied it _____ (Rom. 8:35-39)
- B. Peter denied it with an _____ (Matt. 26:72; Matt. 5:36-37;
1 Pet. 5:8-9; 1 Cor. 15:58)
- C. Peter said, "I do not _____ the man." (Matt. 26:72;
Lev. 19:11; Col. 3:9; Eph. 4:25)

III. Third Denial: Peter Invokes a Curse on Himself (vv. 26-27)

[Matt. 26:73-75; Mk. 14:70b-72; Lk. 22:59-62]

- A. Peter was _____ from the garden (v. 26)
[Matt. 5:44; Lk. 6:27]
- B. Peter was _____ by his accent (Mark 14:70;
Matt. 26:73)
- C. Peter _____ to invoking a curse on himself
(Matt. 26:74; Acts 2:30; Eph. 4:22; Heb. 3:13)
- D. Peter _____ (v. 27) [Jn. 13:38; Lk. 22:61-62;
Jn. 12:6]

TAKE HOME

- What can you do to ***prevent*** yourself from being caught off guard?
- Do you see how such a ***small*** temptation can lead to a great fall?
- Do you believe that Jesus wants to forgive you and ***restore*** you at this very moment?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read John 18:15-16. Why do you think Peter followed Jesus to the courtyard of the high priest? Who was the other disciple? How did he know the high priest? (Jn. 13:23; 19:26; 21:7)

2. Read John 18:17. Why did Peter deny Jesus? Should we take this seriously? (Matt. 10:33) What truth can we learn here to prepare us not to do the same? (1 Cor. 10:12; Prov. 16:18)

3. Read John 18:18. What do you think Peter was thinking during these moments? How does Lk. 12:11-12; 1 Pet. 3:15 encourage us if we find ourselves in a similar situation?

4. Read John 18:25. Now look at Matt. 26:71-72. What extra information do we learn about Peter denying Jesus with an oath? What does this mean? (Matt. 5:36-37)

5. Read John 18:26. Who remembered Peter from the Garden of Gethsemane? Why? How should we treat our enemies? (Matt. 5:44; Lk. 6:27)

6. Read Mark 14:70 and Matt. 26:73. What extra information do these synoptic accounts give? Why did Peter keep denying that he knew Jesus?

7. Read Matt. 26:74. Why did Peter invoke a curse upon himself? What should he have done instead? (Eph. 4:22; Heb. 3:13)

8. Read John 18:27. Now look at Jn. 13:38; Lk. 22:61-62. How does this all end? What can we learn from the differences between Peter’s sin and Judas’ sin?

9. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you change how you live based on what you learned from this passage?

“Peter no doubt fell shamefully, and only rose again after heartfelt repentance and bitter tears. But he did rise again; he was not cast off forevermore. The same pitying Hand that saved him from drowning, when his faith failed him on the waters, was once more stretched out to raise him when he fell in the High Priest’s hall. Can we doubt that he rose a wiser and better man? If Peter’s fall has made Christians see more clearly their own great weakness and Christ’s great compassion, then Peter’s fall has not be recorded in vain.”

- J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*