


Peter Denies and Jesus Confesses

Luke 22:54 – 71


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Peter at least did not flee

- **Luke 22:54, 55**


And having arrested Him, they led Him away, and brought Him to the house of the high priest; but Peter was following at a distance. And after they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter was sitting among them.



Peter denies knowing Jesus


- **Luke 22:56, 57**

And a certain servant-girl, seeing him as he sat in the firelight, and looking intently at him, said, "This man was with Him too." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him."

 Peter denies being associated with Jesus' followers


■ **Luke 22:58**

And a little later, another saw him and said, "You are one of them too!" But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

 Peter denies being with Jesus from the beginning

■ **Luke 22:59, 60**

And after about an hour had passed, another man began to insist, saying, "Certainly this man also was with Him, for he is a Galilean too." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, a cock crowed.

 Peter faces Jesus and his own sin

■ **Luke 22:61 - 62**

And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, "Before a cock crows today, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Jesus is mocked as He predicted

■ **Luke 22:63, 64**

Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking Him and beating Him, and they blindfolded Him and were asking Him, saying, "Prophecy, who is the one who hit You?"

Speaking against Jesus is blasphemy


■ **Luke 22:65**

And they were saying many other things against Him, blaspheming.

Their unbelief will not be cured by facts

■ **Luke 22:66 - 68**


When it was day, the Council of elders of the people assembled, both chief priests and scribes, and they led Him away to their council chamber, saying, "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I ask a question, you will not answer."



Jesus confesses His true status

- **Luke 22:69, 70**


 “But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” And they all said, “Are You the Son of God, then?” And He said to them, “Yes, I am.”



They have enough evidence to embrace Jesus or repudiate His claim

- **Luke 22:71**


 Then they said, “What further need do we have of testimony? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth.”




They knew that Jesus was claiming to be the fulfillment of Ps. 2:6, 7

- **Psalms 2:6, 7**

 But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain. I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.”


 **Applications and Implications**

- 1) If we do not deny ourselves, we will end up denying the Lord
- 2) Godly sorrow leads to repentance
- 3) We should never be overconfident about our ability to stand

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■ **Luke 9:23**

And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

 1) If we do not deny ourselves, we will end up denying the Lord

■ **Revelation 3:5**

He who overcomes shall thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.

2) Godly sorrow leads to repentance

■ **2Corinthians 7:9, 10**

I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, in order that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

3) We should never be overconfident about our ability to stand

■ **Matthew 26:33**

But Peter answered and said to Him, "Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away."

3) We should never be overconfident about our ability to stand

■ **1Corinthians 10:11, 12**

Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.
