

**“DISAPPOINTING DISCIPLES & THE SUFFICIENT SAVIOR”**

**Mark 14:66-72**

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**I. How does Peter respond to the arrest of Jesus? (vv. 31, 37, 47, 50, 54)**

*“ But he said emphatically, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.””*

*“they all left him and fled”*

*“Peter had followed him at a distance”*

**Disciples are tempted in \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Matthew 16:24-25**

**John 18:10**

*“We should remember that he was the only one of the disciples who took even this risk. But his testimony underlines the fact that even the bravest and brashest of them failed on that night.”*

-Sinclair Ferguson

**II. How is Peter tempted and does he stand firm? (vv. 66-71)**

*A servant girl: “You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus.”*

*“I never know nor understand what you mean.”*

*Bystanders: “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean”*

*“Began to invoke a curse”*

*“to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.”*

**Devoted disciples fall thru \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Deuteronomy 31:6**

**Isaiah 41:13**

**John 14:31**

*“Our personal weaknesses need only the least pressure from temptation to bring us to our knees.”*

-Sinclair Ferguson

III. How does Peter respond to his failure? (vv. 28, 72)

*"Immediately the rooster crowed a second time"*

*"Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him..."*

*"And he broke down and wept."*

*"I will go before you into Galilee."*

Repentance receives \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ in God's promised mercy.

**Psalms 130:3-4**

**Luke 22:31-32**

**Romans 2:4**

**2 Corinthians 7:10-13**

**Galatians 2:11-14**

**WSC Question 87: What is repentance unto life?**

**Answer:** *Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.*

*"Jesus' resolve in the face of suffering is clearly set in contrast to Peter's cowardly collapse under pressure.*

- Mark Strauss

*"By stark contrast, Judas had no hope, only regret. Both men knew despair; but Judas despaired of God and of grace; Peter despaired of self, and found hope in Christ and his word."*

-Sinclair Ferguson

**Digging Deeper:**

1. Do you seek fellowship or avoid fellowship when you struggle? Why?
2. How does the fear of man show up in your life?
3. How can you remind yourself of God's promises in temptation?
4. What happens when you fail? Is repentance a quick or slow process and why?