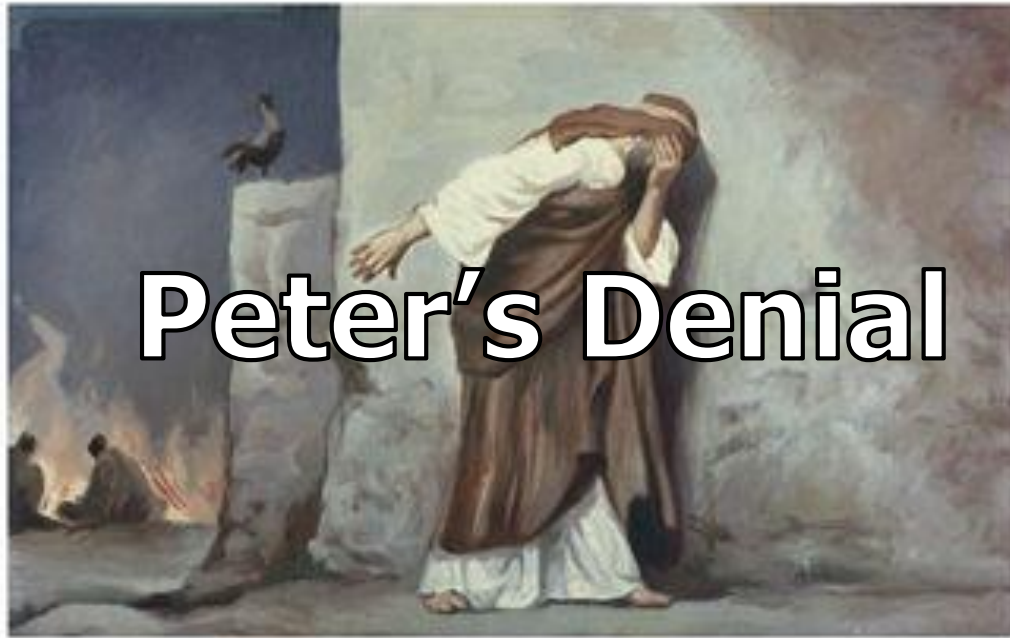


# Message



**Peter's Denial**

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# The Disciples Deny Jesus

## ■ Matthew 26:30-35, 51-59

- Peter loudly defended himself, "No! Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!"
- Jesus trusted the Father's plan and the disciples should have followed Christ's lead.



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## ■ Zechariah 13:7

- The temporary disengagement between Jesus and his disciples had begun. Most of them wouldn't see Jesus again until after his resurrection.



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## ■ **Matthew 26:30-35, 51-59**

- Speculation: God's plan helped preserve the disciples from harm. Their fear of persecution led them to flee captivity. God didn't want them held behind bars yet, because these men were predestined to change the world with Jesus' gospel of peace. Their time had not yet come."

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## ■ Matthew 26:69-70

- He watched as Jesus was interrogated in the middle of the night. Peter witnessed Jesus meekly refusing to defend himself. Jesus could have easily been released if a fair trial was conducted.



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## ■ Matthew 26:71-74

- Perhaps Peter was consumed with despair, but he denies Jesus three times, within a very short amount of time.



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## ■ Luke 22:61

- The word translated *"looked at"* is the Greek verb *emblepo*, which means: *"to look at something directly and therefore intently."*
- The word translated *"wept"* is the common Greek verb *klaio*: *"to cry."*
- Peter weeps intensely. The word *"bitterly"* is the Greek adverb *pikros*. The adjective *pikros* originally meant: *"pointed, sharp," so the word carries the idea of sharpness, pain, severity."*

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## ■ Mark 14:30

- Speculation: Matthew, Luke and John state that Peter would deny Jesus 3 times before the rooster crowed, while Mark 14:30 states that Peter would deny Jesus 3 times before the rooster crowed twice, which indicates that Peter could have denied Jesus up to six times.



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## ■ Luke 24:45

- We can't justify their actions and we're not. However, God used their fear to protect them from the mobs. The disciples scattered, as Zechariah said they would. They were now safe - cowardly sinful - but safe and preserved for their future mission.



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## ■ II Corinthians 7:10

- For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance [d]without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.
- [d] Or leading to a salvation without regret.



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## ■ Matthew 10:28-33

- God uses every situation to further the knowledge and wisdom of those who love him. Consider the biblical record of Peter.
- Are we denying Jesus Christ, each day in the choices we make?
- Are we overconfident in our Christianity?

