

Denying or Proclaiming Jesus

Matthew 26:69-75

Discussion Questions

Key Texts: Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75; John 18:15-27; Luke 22:54-62; Matthew 10:33; Psalm 51:12-13; Acts 4:1-21;

The Essentials

- 1) Can you think of any Christian martyrs?
- 2) How does Peter move away from Jesus in word and deed?
- 3) How might we implicitly deny Jesus?
- 4) Both Judas and Peter denied Jesus. What is the difference between them?
- 5) How might we proclaim Jesus instead of denying Him?

Going Deeper

- 6) Discuss this quote from John MacArthur: "I'm convinced that most of the problems and failures Christians face are directly related to prayerlessness...Perhaps Peter's failure could have been averted if he had been obedient to the Lord and spent that time in the garden praying that the Lord would grant him grace to endure."
- 7) Discuss the differences we see in Peter after Jesus restores him.

Memory Verse: "'Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.'" Psalm 51:12-13

Prayer Point: Please pray for our Easter prayer week.