

***STUDIES
IN
MARK***



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LESSON 61

MARK 14:66-72

REVIEW:

1. Who betrayed Jesus to His enemies?
2. Who tried to save Jesus with his sword?
3. At the court could they find anything wrong with Jesus?
4. Did the witnesses tell the truth about Jesus?
5. Did the high priest say Jesus was guilty of death?
6. Why did the high priest say Jesus should die? Because Jesus said He was the Son of

READ MARK 14:66-72

PETER DENIED HIS LORD

A story:

A boy wanted to go to college. That would cost much money and his father and mother were poor. They went without things so their son could go to college.

The boy's friends at college had lots of money. He tried to be like them. He spent all the money his poor parents could send him. He forgot they needed things too.

At last school was finished. Many parents came to see their sons and daughters get their prizes. The boy's mother came too. Everybody was dressed in fine clothes, but the poor mother. Her shoes were worn and her dress was old. She had spent everything for the boy she loved so much.

I am sorry to say that the boy did not run to meet his mother. He was ashamed because she looked so poor. He thought his rich friends would make fun of her. They told the boy his mother was there. The boy said, "No. She is not my mother. I do not even know who that old woman is." The mother cried.



She went back home heart-broken. The son who she loved had denied her. He said he did not know who she was.

In our lesson today we learn that Peter denied the Lord Jesus. He even said he never knew Him. Let us study the story.

READ MARK 14:27-31

JESUS KNEW PETER WOULD DENY HIM

1. When did Jesus say Peter would deny Him? (verse 30) He said Peter would deny Him this _____ before the cock would crow _____ times.
How many times would Peter deny Jesus? _____ times.

2. How many times Jesus had told the disciples they were like sheep. Jesus had said He was their shepherd. Now in verse 27 Jesus said they would kill the shepherd. The sheep would be scattered.

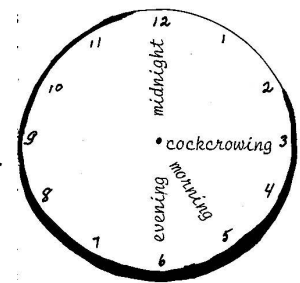
What did Peter say in verse 31?

"If I should _____ I will not _____ in any wise (way)."

The cock was a male chicken. Jesus knew what time the cock would crow (crowing noise). He knew what time Peter would deny Him.

The Jewish people counted their time during the night by four watches (time periods) or by evening, midnight, cock-crowing and morning. The first cock-crowing, was at 3:00 a.m. our time. It is also called the third watch. The second cock-crowing was at 4:30 a.m.¹

Both Peter and Jesus knew what time to expect the cock to crow.



¹M. Unger, Unger's Bible Dictionary, p. 1099.

PETER'S DENIAL

1. Where was Peter when Jesus was on trial? (verse 66)

"Peter was _____ in the _____."



2. What was Peter doing in the priest's courtyard? (verse 54) _____ . It must have been a cold night. Peter's spirit had cooled off too!

3. Who saw Peter sitting by the fire? (verse 66) _____ .

4. She took a good look at Peter. What did she say to Peter? (verse 67)

"And thou also wast with _____."

Now Peter was afraid. He did not think anybody would know him. If they knew he was a disciple of Jesus maybe they would kill him too. Peter was in a dangerous spot. He thought to himself, "I better lie my way out of this."

What lie did Peter tell the girl? (verse 68) _____ .

When they led Jesus away to their court, Peter followed far off. He wanted to see what would happen. Now he was in trouble. When we follow Jesus we need to follow closely. When we follow Jesus far off we will get into trouble too. Jesus was on trial, but Peter was on trial too.

PETER HAD DENIED THE FIRST TIME.

5. Peter left the fire and went out into the porch. With the light of the fire shining in his face, someone else might know him too. He better go out.

As soon as Peter went out into the porch, what did he hear? (verse 68) The _____ . Peter did not seem to notice.

6. Peter could not seem to get away. Another maid came along. What did she say to the people standing around? (verse 60)“ _____ .”

7. What did Peter do when the maid said that? (See Matthew 26:72.)

“He _____.”

What did Peter say when he denied his Lord this time? (Matthew 26:72)

“I _____.”

Peter was really getting scared now. **HE DENIED THE SECOND TIME.** He lied again. How many times people lie, when they are frightened or in trouble. Jesus had told Peter to speak truth. We should be more afraid to lie than to be in trouble.

How many times did Jesus say Peter would deny Him? (Mark 14:30)

8. Peter came from Galilee. People in Galilee talked a little different than people of Judaea. They could not say some of the sounds like the Jews of Judaea said them. In verse 70 the men standing around said they could prove Peter was a follower of Jesus. They said Peter was from Galilee by the way he talked. Most of the disciples were from Galilee.

9. How did Peter try to prove that he was NOT a follower of Jesus? (verse 71)

. Should a follower of Jesus curse and swear?

Peter proved that he was not following Jesus when he did that.

What did Peter say when he denied the Lord Jesus the third time? (verse 71)

“I know not _____ of whom ye speak.”

PETER HAD DENIED JESUS THE THIRD TIME. In the three times Peter denied his Lord, he did not once mention Him by name. Peter did not say, “I do not know Jesus Christ.” He did not say, “I do not know the Son of God.” Peter said, “I know not this man.” Peter was ashamed to say His name.

10. Peter denied Jesus three times. What did he hear as soon as he denied the third time? (verse 72) . In one hour Peter had denied His Lord three times.

When that cock started to crow, suddenly Peter remembered. He remembered that Jesus had warned him,

“Before the cock crow , you will deny me .” (Mark 14:30)

11. What does Luke say Jesus did after Peter had denied Him three times? (Luke 22:61)

“And the Lord turned, and upon .”

In the story at the beginning of this lesson, the mother was heart-broken. The son whom she loved so much had denied that he knew her. How do you think Jesus felt? Jesus loved Peter. He loved him so much that the next day He would die for Peter’s sins. How much sorrow and love there must have been in Jesus’ eyes when He turned and looked at Peter. How do you think Peter felt when he saw the look in Jesus eyes?

Luke 22:62 says,

“And Peter .”

Peter cried very hard. Peter was so sorry he had denied Jesus, and lied, and cursed and swore. Peter truly repented. The next day when Jesus died on the cross it was for Peter’s sins. We know that Jesus forgave Peter. When Jesus rose from the dead, he especially sent word to Peter that He was alive again. Later God used Peter to write two of the books in the New Testament.

12. Do we know that Jesus looks at us when we sin against Him?
(2 Chronicles 16:9)

Do we know how full of love and sorrow Jesus is when we sin?
(Luke 19:41)

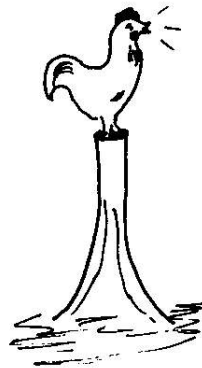
Do we know that Jesus’ death on the cross was for our sin?
(1 Corinthians 15:3)

When we are sorry like Peter was, will Jesus forgive us?

SIN



REPENTANCE



FORGIVENESS



1 John 1:9 says,

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins. And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

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