

PETER'S DENIAL **Luke 22:31-34, 54-61**

We must always be aware of sin's appeal and how to overcome it

I. RECAP THE REASONS

- Look at how Peter got into sin

A. PETER WAS OVERCONFIDENT (31-34)

- When warned about sin

1. Christ's Words (31-32)

- a. Be alert: Satan wants you!
- b. Be aware: I'm praying for you (32)

2. Peter's Boast (33)

- a. With you ... He assumes that Christ will always be personally beside him
- b. I'm ready for prison and even death
- c. In affect: "Jesus, you don't really need to warn me or pray for me!"

3. Jesus' Reply (34)

- a. You are not ready > You simply do not realize your vulnerability
- b. You will deny Me

B. PETER WAS OVERTAKEN (54-60a)

- When tempted with sin

1. The Details (54-55)

- a. He's in the wrong position (54)
- b. He's with the wrong people (55)

2. The Denials (56-60a)

- a. Lying about Jesus (56-57) > "I do not know him"
- b. Lying about himself (58) > "I'm not one of them"
- c. Lying about Jesus and himself (58-60a) > "I don't know what you're talking about"

II. REVIEW THE REPENTANCE (60b-61, 32)

- Look at why Peter did not stay in sin?

A. REPENTANCE AIDS (60b-61)

1. He heard the rooster (60b)
2. He saw the Lord (61a) - See Psalm 55:12-14 for the effect
3. He remembered Christ's prediction (61b)

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B. REPENTANCE OFFERED (62)

1. Peter went out
 - a. Away from the crowded courtyard
 - b. Away from the accusations
 - c. Away from the temptations
2. Peter wept bitterly
 - a. A sincere guilt and shame
 - b. Moved to recognize the magnitude of his sin

C. REPENTANCE EXPECTED (32)

1. Jesus had prayed for Peter's resolve
2. Jesus had predicted Peter's restoration
3. Jesus had planned for Peter's responsibility

CONCLUSION:

In the midst of our messes we must recognize sin and sincerely repent

- Have you done that?
- Will you do this?