

## The Denial of Jesus Mark 14:66-72

### Peter:

- He is a strong \_\_\_\_\_.
- He is a "\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Personality."
- He never backs down from \_\_\_\_\_.
- He has never been afraid to speak the \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_.
- He genuinely \_\_\_\_\_.

What would it take for Peter to crash and burn? Just \_\_\_\_\_ statement from one young servant girl. 1 Corinthians 10:12, "Let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall."

**The BIG Idea** ... As sinners, Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_ ... because His grace is greater than our every sin. As followers of Jesus, sin won't have the final say with us; grace will.

**Setting the Stage** ... Signs that we are pinning our hope on self rather than Jesus:

- Sign #1: \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word (Mark 14:27-31)
- Sign #2: \_\_\_\_\_ prayer (Mark 14:37-41)
- Sign #3: \_\_\_\_\_ matters into our own hands (Mark 14:47)

### Denying the Savior

Denial #1:

- A young servant girl: "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus."
- Peter: "I neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_ what you mean."

Denial #2:

- The young servant girl to the bystanders: "This man is one of them."
- Peter: "With God as my witness, I \_\_\_\_\_; I do not know the man" (Matthew 26:72).

Denial #3:

- The bystanders: "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean. I saw you in the garden with Jesus" (John 18:26).
- Peter (invoking a curse upon himself): "I do \_\_\_\_\_ this man of whom you speak."

**Restoring the Fallen** ... Peter's story does not end in Mark 14, with his shocking \_\_\_\_\_. It ends in John 21, with Jesus' restoring \_\_\_\_\_.

- Jesus: "Peter, do you \_\_\_\_\_ me?" (three times)
- Peter: "Jesus, you know that I \_\_\_\_\_ you." (three times)
- Jesus: "\_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_." (three times)
- Jesus: "I'm not done with you, Peter. I haven't shelved you. My grace is enough for you. It's greater than \_\_\_\_\_ your sin—even your \_\_\_\_\_ sin. I won't let you quit on me, because I will never \_\_\_\_\_ on you!"

### Three Takeaways

1. We desperately need the grace of Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_ us from sin (John 15:5).
2. We desperately need the grace of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ sin (1 John 1:9).
3. We desperately need the grace of Jesus to enable us to \_\_\_\_\_ others when they sin against us (Ephesians 4:32). 1 Peter 5:10-11, "After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen!"