

MATTHEW:
THE GOSPEL
OF THE KINGDOM

I Will Go Before You
Matthew 26:30-35

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Introduction:

- Context - Thursday evening of Passion week
- *The intimacy of the Last Supper is shortly to be replaced by disloyalty and cowardice. (Carson)*

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A Change of Setting - v.30

And when they had sung a hymn,
they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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Jesus' Prediction - v.31-32

Then Jesus said to them,
 "You will all *fall away* because *of me* this night.

For *it is written*, [Zechariah 13:7]

'I will strike the shepherd,
 and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

But after I *am raised* up,
 I will go *before you* to Galilee."

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Peter's Self-Confidence - v.33

Peter answered him,
 "Though they all fall away because of you,
 I will *never* fall away."

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Jesus' Correction - v.34

Jesus said to him,
 "Truly, I tell you,
 this very night, before the rooster crows,
you will deny me three times."

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Peter's Affirmation - v.35

Peter said to him,
 "Even if I must die with you,
 I *will not* deny you!"
 And *all* the disciples said the same.

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Conclusions/Applications

- The revealing of the *sovereign, gracious, and victorious* Savior
- *Jesus is not a blind victim of fate but a voluntary sacrifice, and simultaneously he is preparing his disciples for their dark night of doubt.*
(Carson)
- The reality of the fickle, faltering, and failing disciples
- The evidence of their salvation is their restoration
- This is our ultimate comfort in our times of trials and failures,
not the demonstration of our own faithfulness, *but* our continuance with our faithful Savior

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