

Matthew 26:69-75

- I. The story
  - A. Inside the courtyard of the high priest's house
  - B. What is he doing there?! (Matthew 26:53, 58)
  - C. Asked and answered (Acts 12:13; Matthew 26:33-35, 63; Mark 14:72)
  
- II. Why did Peter deny Jesus?
  - A. Shame
  - B. Fatigue (1 Corinthians 9:5; Luke 22:20)
  - C. Fear (John 18:26)
  
- III. What did it mean that Peter denied Jesus?
  - A. So much for "the rock" (Matthew 16:15-19)
  - B. Denying his confession (Romans 10:9-10; 1 Timothy 6:12-13; Titus 1:16; 1 John 4:2-3; Philippians 2:9-11)
  - C. Called out by a rooster (Proverbs 25:14; 30:29-31)
  
- IV. How can we hold fast *our* confession?
  - A. Confession and salvation (Matthew 10:32-33; Luke 12:9; Hebrews 3:6; 4:14; 10:23)
  - B. Believe yourself capable of anything (bad).
  - C. Constantly renew your hope in prayer.
  - D. Confess together with the church.
  - E. When you fail:
    1. Rest and listen.
    2. Repent with sorrow.
    3. Begin again with humility. (John 21:15-17)
    4. Prepare for your cross. (John 21:18-19; Acts 9:16)
  
- V. Let's get a rooster
  - A. What just happened?!
  - B. Crowing for the day of redemption (Psalm 107:14)