The Disciples' Trial: Peter and Judas Matthew 26:69-27:10

I. Introduction: Events from earlier in the evening/morning involving Peter and Judas

II. Peter's Trial (26:69-75)

While Jesus stands up to the pressure in the courtroom, Peter caves into pressure in the courtyard, three times!

Jesus's broken heart over the fall of Peter

Lessons from Peter's fall

Being ready "out of season"

Do not deny your brethren, the church
Remember Jesus's word

Amazing grace in Peter's restoration (John 21:15-19)

III. Judas's Trial (27:3-5)

Judas's apparent contrition

The Jewish leader's calloused legalism

The suicide of Judas

Discrepancies with Luke's account (Acts 1:16-19)

What prophecy is fulfilled in verses 9-10? (Zech 11:12-13, Jer 19:1-13)

Parallels and contrasts to Ahithophel's suicide (2 Sam 17:1-23)

Your discipleship on trial: Does your repentance resemble that of Peter or Judas?

IV. The price of blood purchases a field of blood (27:6-10)

Jesus's blood breaks down the ancient dividing wall (Eph 2:11-16)