

Sunday, March 2, 2025
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“When the Rooster Crows”

Matthew 26:57-75

Today’s BIG IDEA:

Following Christ requires grace and grit.

1. The DENIALS

A. The leaders’ denial of Jesus

i. They FRAUDULENTLY _____ **Jesus** (v.57)

ii. They FALSELY _____ **Jesus** (v.59-65)
(John 2:19,21; Psalm 110:1; Daniel 7:13-14)

iii. They FIERCELY _____ **Jesus** (v.66-68)

- *The religious leaders thought they were serving God, but in reality, they were spitting in his face.*

B. Peter’s denial of Jesus

i. Peter BOASTFULLY _____ **himself** (v.33-35)

ii. Peter BASHFULLY _____ **himself** (v.58)
(John 18:15-16)

- *Distance from Jesus is a recipe for denial of Jesus.*

iii. Peter BLATANTLY _____ **his Lord** (v.69-75)
(Luke 22:54-62; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13a)

- *Every one of us has the capacity to deny Jesus.*

2. The DIFFERENCE

A. The leaders’ denial was _____;
Peter’s denial was _____

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**B. The leaders' denied the _____ of Jesus;
Peter denied _____ to Jesus**

**C. The leaders' denial ended in _____;
Peter's denial ended in _____ and
_____**

(Matthew 10:32-33; John 21:15-19; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10)

- *True repentance can never come without true sorrow.*

- *The nature of Christ's grace is greater than the number of our denials.*

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. What are the main differences between the leaders' denial of Jesus and Peter's denial of Jesus? In which ways do you tend to deny Jesus?
2. How do we know Peter's repentance was genuine? What are the marks of genuine repentance?
3. What is the balance of "grace and grit" in the Christian life? Why is grace so important? Why is grit so important?