

JESUS' SECOND PREDICTION OF PETER'S DENIAL

TEXT: Matthew 26:30-35, Mark 14: 26-31, Luke 22:39-40a, John 18:1

PLACE: Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives

TIME: Late Thursday evening

◆ Jesus' Prediction

- "You will _____ fall away because of _____ this night."
 - What prophecy did Jesus quote?
 - Who was the shepherd?
- Cp. Mark 14:50 for the fulfillment of this prediction.

◆ Jesus' Promise

- "But after I have been _____, I will go before you to _____."
 - Two assurances:
 - 1- I will rise again.
 - 2- I will meet with you in Galilee.

◆ Peter's Pride

- What was Peter's boast? (Have we heard something like this before?)
 - **BEWARE**: Do we, like Peter and the disciples, ever trust in our own strength and not God's? What happens?

◆ Jesus' Prediction

- "_____ I say to you that _____ very _____, before a cock crows _____, you shall _____ Me _____ times."
 - Mark 14:68-72 records the outcome of the prediction.

◆ Peter's Response

- "...Kept saying _____, 'Even if I have to _____ with you, I will not _____ you!'"
- What were the other disciples saying?

DISCUSSION: What an example of good intentions gone bad. But before we condemn Peter and the rest too harshly, consider some promises you made at the first of the year or even yesterday... Have you kept them all faithfully? What can we do to prevent Peter's/our kind of failures?

JESUS' THREE AGONIZING PRAYERS IN GETHSEMANE

TEXT: Matthew 26:36-46, Mark 32-42, Luke 22:40a-46

◆ The Place and Persons of the Savior's Agony.

- The place: "Then Jesus came with them to a place called _____."
- The persons: Who did Jesus take with Him alone to pray?
- The agony: What words do the writers use to describe Jesus'

agony?

What request did He make of the disciples?

◆ The Surrender in Prayer.

- The place of surrender: "He went a little _____ them, and _____ on His face and prayed..."
- The Struggle of the Surrender: He prayed, "My _____ (note the use of this term now and later in this prayer) if it is possible, let this _____ pass from Me."
 - The whole redemptive plan of God was on His shoulders. Now the hour was at hand and the shadow of the Cross was heavy upon Jesus. Being a man, He felt the pressure to quit, but being the Son of God, He knew that only His obedience would please God and accomplish God's great plan for the redemption of mankind.
- The Victory in Surrender: "...Not _____ will, but _____ be done."

Discussion:

- When our wills and God's will come into conflict, what should we say?
- Is God's will always the will we want? (Remember Paul's prayer in 2 Corinthians 12)
- Is God's will always easy to understand?
- But, is God's will the best? Cp. Romans 8:28
- Do we ever struggle with God in prayer? Why?
- John tells us that Jesus' sweat became like drops of _____.

◆ The Disappointing Disciples

- Jesus came to the disciples... Why do you suppose?
- When He came, what did He find? Why?
- What question did He then ask them?
- What warning did He give?
- How many times did this happen?
 - Do you ever find it hard to "stay awake" when you should be serving God?
 - Why do we get so tired and fall asleep?
 - What can we do to "stay awake/alert"?

◆ The Savior's Hour and the Disciples Failure

- When Jesus found them asleep the third time, He said, "Behold, the _____ is at hand and the Son of Man is being _____ into the hands of _____."
- For so long Jesus has said, "My hour has not yet come." Now, after so long a time, the hour is here and the Cross is ready for its sacrifice.