

Peter Denies Jesus

Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 18



“You are one of them,” they said.
But Peter replied, “I don’t know the man!”
Matthew 26:73-74

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During their last supper together, Jesus said, "You will all fall away from me."

Peter said, "Even if all fall away, I never will. I will stay with you, even if I have to die." The others agreed.

Jesus said to Peter, "The rooster will crow very early in the morning. Before then, you will deny that you know even me three times."

After Jesus was arrested, Peter followed him to the courtyard. He stood by a fire to stay warm. A servant girl looked closely at Peter. She said, "You were with Jesus."

"I don't know what you are talking about," Peter said. He moved into the shadows.

Another girl said, "Yes, that man is one of them." Again, Peter said that he didn't even know Jesus.

A third time, people said, "You are one of those disciples. You talk the same way Jesus does."

Peter yelled, "I don't know the man!"

At that moment, the rooster crowed. From across the courtyard, Jesus turned. He looked right into the eyes of Peter. Jesus' words had come true.

Peter went outside and wept with all his heart.

Questions

1. What does this mean, "Peter denied Jesus"?
2. Why did Peter deny Jesus?
3. Even today, Christian followers will sometimes deny Jesus. They often fall away from him. Why?
4. Have you ever had to stand up for Jesus? When?

Pray this prayer:

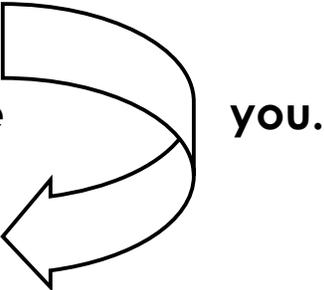
Dear Jesus,

You forgave Peter after he denied you. Help me to never deny you. Help me to stand up for you, no matter what. If I do fall away, please forgive me, bring me back, and use me. Thank you for fresh starts.

Amen

Write the letters f-a-l-l in the boxes.

Write the letters b-a-c-k t-o in the arrow.

If I do away, please bring me  you.

Amen