

JESUS DENIED...FOR ME *My Substitute (Part 2)*

⁵⁴ Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶ Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, 'This man also was with him.' ⁵⁷ But he denied it, saying, 'Woman, I do not know him.' ⁵⁸ And a little later someone else saw him and said, 'You also are one of them.' But Peter said, 'Man, I am not.' ⁵⁹ And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, 'Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean.' ⁶⁰ But Peter said, 'Man, I do not know what you are talking about.' And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.' ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly." Luke 22:54-62 (ESV)

I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DENY THE LORD?

Denial: To disassociate or renounce a previously held allegiance, to spurn by word or deed, to disown or disavow.

³⁰ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹ Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."' ³² But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.' ³³ Peter answered him, 'Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.' ³⁴ Jesus said to him, 'Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.' ³⁵ Peter said to him, 'Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!' And all the disciples said the same." Matthew 26:30-35 (ESV)

Five Common Denials:

- A. Blasphemy**
- B. Apathy**
- C. Duplicity**
- D. Hypocrisy**
- E. Religiosity**

II. HOW DOES IT HAPPEN?

⁵⁴ Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance." Luke 22:54 (ESV)

Steps on the Way Down:

A. I'm one of His, but I'm not a fanatic.

B. I'm one of His, but that's a private matter.

⁶⁵ And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them." Luke 22:55 (ESV)

C. I'm one of His as long as it's popular.

⁶⁶ Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, 'This man also was with him.'
⁶⁷ But he denied it, saying, 'Woman, I do not know him.'" Luke 22:56-57 (ESV)

D. I'm one of His until it might hurt me.

⁶⁸ And a little later someone else saw him and said, 'You also are one of them.' But Peter said, 'Man, I am not.'" Luke 22:58 (ESV)

E. I'm not one of His, I'm not.

⁶⁹ And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, 'Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean.'
⁶⁰ But Peter said, 'Man, I do not know what you are talking about.' And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed." Luke 22:59-60 (ESV)

III. WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF DENYING CHRIST?

A. The face of Christ in view of what He has done.

⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.'" Luke 22:61 (ESV)

B. The feeling of failure in light of what I promised.

⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly." Luke 22:62 (ESV)

ⁱ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven." Matthew 10:32-33 (ESV)