May 14

Matthew 26:63-75

Jerusalem, c. A.D. 33, as seen from Mt. of Olives

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Sometime ... in the wee hours of the morning A crowd with torches and clubs and swords Headed up, up the Ancient Mount of Olives Lynch Mob—led by a Friend turned Traitor By night to "The Garden" ... Gethsemane **Riled up by the Holy High Priest and His Gang** The JUST for the UNJUST ... to arrest the innocent

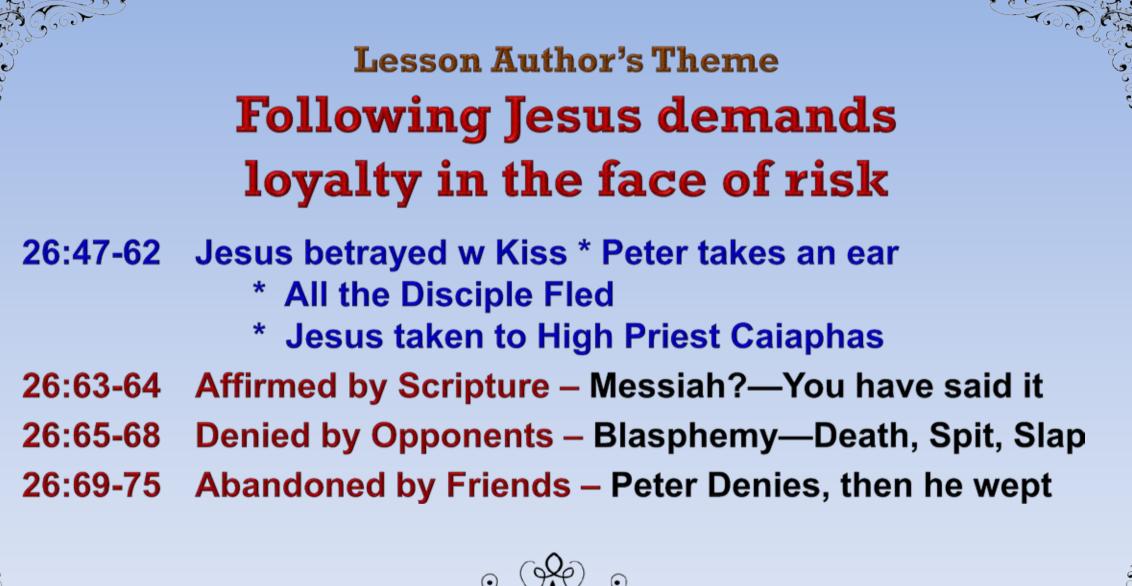
> Mount of Olives Southern Edge

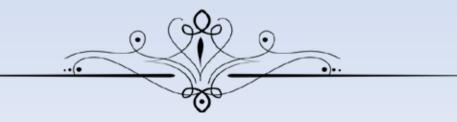
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Jesus and the Kingdom of God Matthew 16-28

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	1.	Mar 5	Who is Jesus?	16:13-28	Caesarea Philipp	ાં ગ્રી
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	4.	Mar 26	More than a Prophet	21:1-11	Triumphant Entry	/
	5.	Apr 2	If I Reject Jesus?	21:33-45	Wicked Tenants	Parable
	6.	Apr 9	Offered to All?	22:1-14	Wedding Banque	et Parable
	7.	Apr 16	Where Is Jesus?	28:1-15	Resurrection	et Parasser Happy Easter
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	9.	Apr 30	How Do We Remember	? 26:17- 3	30 Last Supper	
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	12.	May 21	Crucified	27:41-52	Crucifixion	
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Forget Everything And Run

Face Everything And RISE

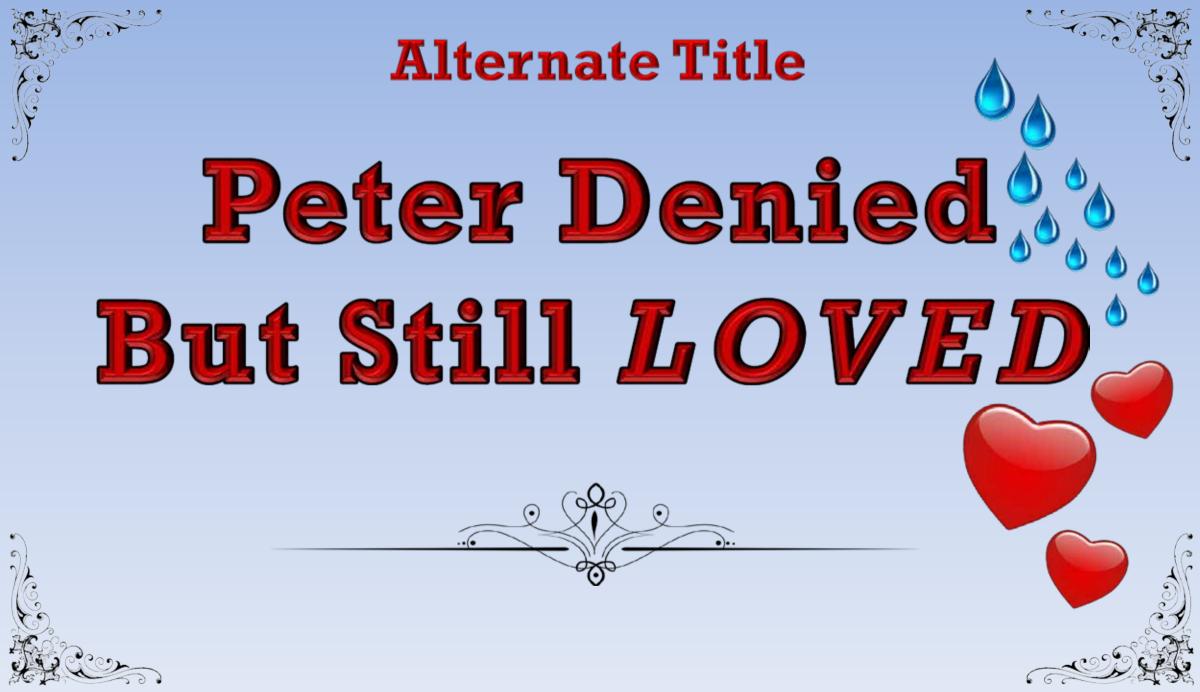


Key Verse Matthew 26:75

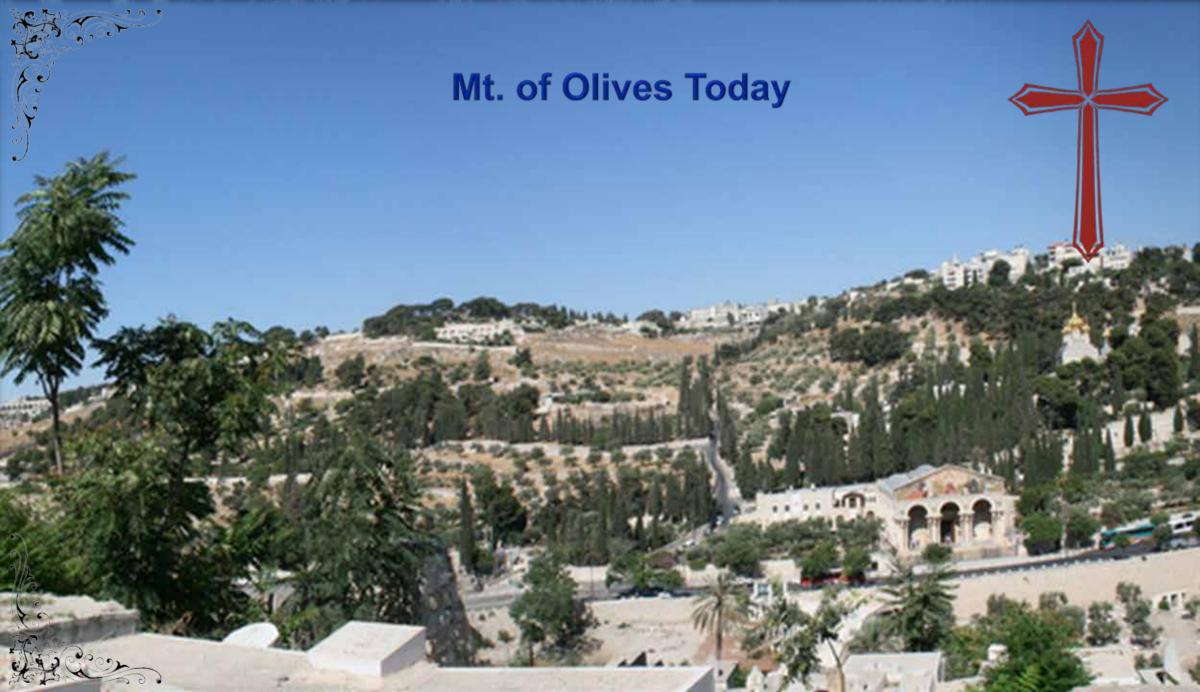
And Peter went outside and wept bitterly.



Peter Keys to Heaven, c. 1611 Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640)



26:17-29 Passover & Last Supper of Our Lord Betrayal – One of You Will Betray Me—Judas 26:20-25 26:26-30 Remembrance – Take and Eat Bread, My Body they sang a song and left ... to Mt. of Olives 26:30 **Gethsemane - Jesus Warns that ALL will Betray** 26:31-46 Their Favorite Place and His Longest Night Jesus Betrayed ... Taken to High Priest 26:47-62 26:63-75 Jesus on Trial ... Peter Denies Knowing Christ



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Passion Week Chart

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Jewish Days of the Week	FRIDAY	SATURDAY Sabbath	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDA	FRIDAY	SATURDAY Sabbath	SUNDAY	MONDAY ²
Evening (after sundown)		Sabbath celebration (our Fri eve)	Bethany (our Sat eve)	Bethany (our Sun eve)	Bethany (our Mon eve)	Mt. of Olives Olivet Discourse (our Tue eve)	Mt. of Olive Plot age Jesus (our Wed ev	Jerusalem Passover Supper (our Thu eve)	Last	Suppe	on es
Night		Bethany	Bethany	Bethany	Bethany	Mount of Olives	Mount Olives	Garden of Gethsemane Ecclesiastical Trials	Geth	seman	e
Daytime (prior to sundown)	Jesus arrives in Bethany Day				Preparation Civil Trial Passove Burial			Judas Betrays			
Scripture Pertinent to the Day	Jn. 12:1	Mt. Mk. Jn. 12:20-50			Mt. 24:1-25:45 Mt. 26:1-1 Mk. 13:1-37 Lk. 21:5-36 Mt. 26:1-1 Mk. 14:1-1 Lk. 22:1-1 Jn. 13:1 Mt. 26:20- 27:61 Mk. 14:17- 15:47 Lk. 22:14- 23:56 Jn. 13:1-19:4			Priests Arrest Peter Denies			
Christian Holidays			Palm Sunday				Maundy Thursday	Good Friday		Easter	

¹ Scholars disagree about the actual year of Christ's crucifixion. The traditional date is A.D. 30. Some (the 15th of the Jewish month of Nissan).

 2 The resurrected Lord made other appearances subsequently: one week later to all the apostles inclu apostles on a mountain in Galilee (Mt. 28:16-20; Mk. 16:15-18); to the apostles in Jerusalem and the disciples (1 C0. 15:6); to James (1 Co. 15:7); and finally several years later, to Paul at his conversion (A



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³ Maundy Thursday—This may even be the oldest of the Holy Week celebrations. The term "Maundy" came through several European languages from the Latin word *mandatum* meaning "command. It refers to Jesus" new commandment in Jn. 13:34-35. It has often been observed with special celebrations of communion, foot washing ceremonies, and Passover seders. Sometimes it includes the giving of gifts to the poor.

In the garden ... so pleasant ... in the cool of the evening In the Garden, written by C. Austin Miles (1868-1946)

His great-granddaughter said it was written "in a cold, dreary and leaky basement in Pitman, New Jersey, that didn't even have a window in it let alone a view of a garden.

Mount of Olives before 1899

First published in 1912 and made popular during Billy Sunday evangelistic revivals

Aaaahh ...

Would you like to hear a short clip of Billy Sunday?

BILLY SUNDAY BURNS UP THE BACKSLIDING WORLD Whirlwind evangelist swings into action at Boston

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"In the Garden" ... made popular by Billy Sunday ... 1950, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans sang it with an orchestra 1956, Tennessee Ernie Ford included it on his platinum album *Hymns* 1958, Perry Como made it part of his album *When You Come to the End of the Day.*

I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses, And the voice I hear falling on my ear The Son of God discloses. And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own;

And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing, And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing. I'd stay in the garden with Him, Though the night around me be falling, But He bids me go; through the voice of woe His voice to me is calling. And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own;

And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known. Jesus' and the Disciples' Favorite Place In the garden ... so pleasant ... in the cool of the evening Then Comes One ... of whom, better he was NOT BORN **Comes the betrayer, Judas** Matthew makes the point to say it was LARGE crowd They had clubs and swords! - a Lynch Mob If ever there was a case for **Open Carry ... here it is** 000

Luke adds a bit more ... Luke 22:49-51 ⁴⁹ When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" SWORDS ... plural ... "we" for "many" or "ALL" I believe MOST if not ALL had a sword ... for defense ⁵⁰ One struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his RIGHT ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" He touched the man's ear and healed him.

John 18:7-10 ... John alone adds ... as the crowd came Who is it you want? ... They said it was Jesus ⁸ Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go.' ⁹ This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me."^a ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) Seems it was always Peter who ACTED FIRST Who threw the first punch ... Peter ... man of action ... no slacker

Now then ... listen very, very, very close When we go the passage soon of Peter's denial ... FIRST ... remember, Peter DID THROW the First Punch It was PETER that drew the First Blood ... At that time, he WAS willing to fight and ... perhaps die It was JESUS who HEALED the ear and INTERVENED Jesus intervened to help the **ENEMY** After Jesus' quiets all ... then they all

run, run, run

Peter draws First Blood ... threw the first punch Jesus does NOT Seriously Rebuke the swords either What do you EXPECT of Peter NOW Notice what Peter and Jesus did in the garden ahaahhh ... gets tougher ... more confusing WHAT ... is Peter SUPPOSED to do? Truly, I don't blame Peter for being confused And ... truly ... "In the Garden" ... Makes Peter's denial later more ... aaahhh more understandable ... more common

While there is a tendency to chide or demean Peter I suspect ... I would challenge you ... I would even BEG you to consider ... Even plead for you to READ closely ... again and again **Read the Passion in the Garden ... what PETER did THERE** Would YOU draw First Blood there ... throw the First Punch? If you WOULD NOT ... "In the Garden" ... I DOUBT ... and doubt seriously ... If one would NOT HELP "In the Garden" I DOUBT that one would help LATER

Remember ... who it was that ... Who it was that ... Did NOT run, run ... but FOLLOWED ... Even though Peter did DENY later ... In truth ... would we not KNOW much of about the trial If Peter had NOT followed?

Aaaahhh ... but we are getting ahead of ourselves

Matthew 26:52-53 ALONE adds ... TWO striking statements ⁵² "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword." ⁵³ "Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?" How many? ... 12 Legions of Angels Imperial Roman Legion was about 5,000 men That means about 60,000 Angels – ready Yes, 60,000 Angels ready for **ONE WORD** Jesus ALLOWS the Lynch MOB to take him

Luke alone adds in 22:53 ...

⁵³ "Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns."

But this is your hour—when DARKNESS REIGNS. Yeah ... Dark Hour ... in the dark ... NOT IN PUBLIC ... *t h e c o w a r d s* ... Here ALSO is a lesson in the power of

PEER PRESSURE

Lynch Mobs ... are a terrible evil ...

PETER faced the Lynch Mob ... courageously!

There were OTHERS there with the Jesus & disciples Mark alone adds 14:50-52 ⁵⁰ Then everyone deserted him and fled. ⁵¹ A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, ⁵² he fled naked, leaving his garment behind. 1st Streaker in N.T. All he had was a ROBE ... poor man ... How MANY were with Jesus that night? too often the POOR pay a heavy price for Following Jesus

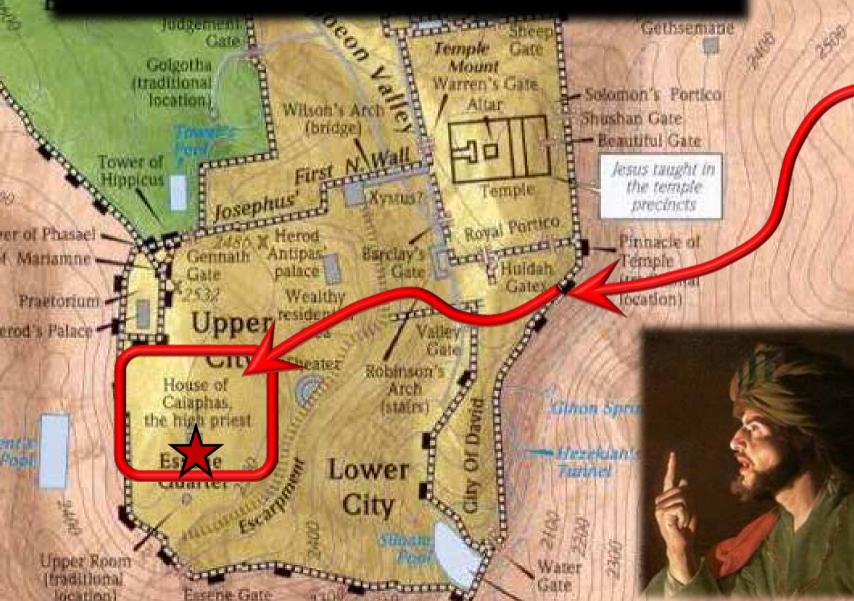
From their FAVORITE PLACE ...

⁵⁷ Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled.
You KNOW the road ... most of the path Back down the Ancient Mount of Olives Across the Kidron Valley ...
Then into the east side of old Ancient Jerusalem Jerusalem, c. A.D. 33, as seen from Mt. of Olives

Slowly ... Lynch Mob shuffles forward Slowly through Ancient Jerusalem Some people, shut their windows Many locked their doors ... Many stayed away ... Many did NOT want to get involved

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Ancient Jerusalem



From the Mt. of Olives to ancient Jerusalem

> To the grand palace of the most holy High Priest Calaphas

Jerusalem, c. A.D. 33, as seen from Mt. of Olives

Through Old Ancient Jerusalem The moon bright ... air thick To the Home of ... ahh To the Palace of Caiaphas High Holy Priest

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Christ led to Caiaphas **High Priest** Holy Man Head of **God's Temple CHIEF LIAR** MURDERER

Christ before Caiaphas by Mattias Stom (1600-1652)

Christ – Messiah King of Kings Before a sick Angry Man Before a **Jealous Man** Caiaphas so very unworthy to clean Jesus' Feet

Christ before Caiaphas by Mattias Stom (1600-1652)

From their FAVORITE PLACE

⁵⁸ But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

⁵⁹ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for

false evidence against Jesus

so that they could put him to death.

So they could KILL Jesus Priests CONSPIRED to KILL 26:63-64 Affirmed by Scripture - Messiah?-You have said it

Jesus ... alone before his FALSE accusers ... ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." **TRUTH did NOT MATTER** Jesus ... SILENT ... cause He knew Mark 14:62 adds Jesus saying "am." ⁶⁴ "You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Peter is somewhere ... listening ...

a significant source of the whole narrative

-64 Affirmed by Scripture - Messiah?-You have said it The trial itself ... there are differences Luke says the trial was in the morning, w Jesus kept in the High Priest's courtyard ... humiliated all night John records another hearing before Annas, the former high priest and father-in-law to Caiaphas Mark and Matthew relate a hearing before the Sanhedrin likely in the middle of the night Slight differences on what Jesus says about the Temple ... What is very, very clear ... no doubting Was he the Messiah? -

yes, Jesus said, "I am."

6:65-68 Denied by Opponents – Blasphemy—Death, Spit, Slap

To the High Priests ... nothing more severe

⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy.

⁶⁶ What do you think?" "He is worthy of death," they answered.

⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him with their FISTS. Others SLAPPED him

⁶⁸ and said, "Prophesy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?"

Mark 14:65 adds that Jesus was Blindfolded

They play games with the Messiah

26:65-68 Denied by Opponents – Blasphemy—Death, Spit, S

Oh ... you have to know ... I know you KNOW God in heaven trembled ... GOD ALMIGHTY ... who MADE the heavens trembled ... They spat on His SON ... they SLAPPED God's son! All Jesus had to do was wink ... just THINK the thoug All Jesus had to do ... squeak the simplest plea Father ... HELP ME ALL HEAVEN would have **RUN** to Jesus' side GOD ... the FATHER trembled ... Wrath Ready **God's GREAT LOVE won in patience**

thankfully

-75 Abandoned by Friends - Peter Denies, then Wept As God in Heaven held His breath ... Most of us ... at the sight of OUR SON being SLAPPED Most of us ... if we had GOD's POWER ... we would ... Well ... just toss that around a bit ... meanwhile ... ⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant GIRL came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said. ⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said. Peter's First Denial ... GO AWAY little girl, he thought.

-75 Abandoned by Friends – Peter Denies, then Wep Fear ... FEAR of an UNKOWN source ... FEAR ... perhaps like Peter had NEVER felt before ⁷¹ Then he went out to the gateway, where ANOTHER servant GIRL saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷² He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!" Peter's SECOND Denial ... DANGER ... DANGER Hard for us to imagine ... Made all the harder ... this was **BEFORE The Resurrection** before **PENTECOST**

75 Abandoned by Friends – Peter Denies, then Wep Fear ... FEAR of an UNKOWN source ... **FEAR** ... piercing Peter's heart and soul Peter's MIND and Heart and Reason ... swirl ... spin ... What is Peter to do ... What is he **SUPPOSED** to do? A LOT has been said about NOT Denying ... TODAY Would I ... or YOU have said, "Yep ... I was WITH Him." ⁷³ After a little while, *THOSE* standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your ACCENT gives you away." Peter, devout Jew ... here with 1,000s of others for Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread

26:69-75 Abandoned by Friends – Peter Denies, then Wept Fear ... FEAR of an UNKOWN source ... Now the CROWD ... the Lynch Mob They approach Peter ... and said, "Surely you are one of them; your ACCENT gives you away." FEAR ... FEARED for His LIFE

Peter LIED to save his life ...

When you have POWER ... COMFORT ... SECURITY You and I can be BOLD as we like ...

But when you are ALONE ... poor ... and

YOUR LIFE hangs on your next word

Peter ... resorts to his OLD life ... his life BEFORE Christ ... Peter's world was CRUMBLING Dawn is coming ... sun about to crest the horizon ⁷⁴ Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. that was Peter's Third Denial and that darn Rooster Crowed

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Peter never again ate chicken perhaps



Sun is rising in the east ... One is able to see without TORCHES to light the path Peter does what he NEVER planned to do ⁷⁴... Peter swore to them, "I don't know the man!" that is Peter's Third Denial and that darned Rooster Crowed Hard on one's soul ... all the harder depending on Just how much of a "Man of His Word" Peter was ... ⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "BEFORE the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Yes ... we must NOT deny Christ ... Yes ... Peter was wrong for DENYING Christ The main reason I cannot be harsh ... Because I know ... very well ... the **Power of FEAR** FEAR for your life ... when you are alone FEAR for your life ... when odds against you But BEFORE we judge Peter too harshly ... Please see this ... know this ... FEEL this

Hey ... hear ye, hear ye ... know and feel this Peter WAS there ... Peter WAS WITH JESUS ... No ONE else ... NO OTHER DISCIPLE was there No other FRIEND or FAMILY was there ... Around the camp fire of the enemy ... In the Valley of the Shadow of Death ... with Jesus **ONLY, solely ... only Peter was there** Say what you want ... but Peter was THERE ^{26:75} And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Fortunately ... that is NOT the end We, today, know the Rest of the Story **There is a glorious Resurrection There is a powerful Pentecost** Peter comes of age, spiritually Faces beatings, jail ... a Cross in Rome For us ... where does that leave us? I can pray ... that I never will deny I have hope ... because of a great **Cloud of Witnesses Gone Before**

Yet the part to see most of all ... The most precious part of the whole story Is most truly ... Matt. 26:75 Peter went outside and wept bitterly. This IS truly the most important part ... Not the Fear ... Not even the Denial Not the ABSENCE of ALL ... Not Peter being the ONLY ONE there ... The GREATEST and most PRECIOUS part

Ohhh ... savor this with me for a moment

... Selah ...

The most preciously DEAR part is 26:75 Peter went outside and wept bitterly. You see ... Peter did NOT LEAVE Jesus Most precious part? ... See the TEARS **TEARS** reveal ... Peter's LOVE for Jesus Oh ... you see this ... you know it too **Deep in Your Soul**

The Devil lurks like a roaring lion **There ARE High Priest LYING MURDERERS** Your Friends & Family may forsake you You and I ... MAY INDEED ... FEAR may FEAR for our LIFE ... and Deny But one thing we CANNOT do ... is **Deny Our Hearts Peter Could NOT Deny His LOVE True for You and Me Too** No Power on Earth is Greater than LOVE

Especially AFTER the Resurrection & Pentecost No matter what Devil or Evil ... or FEAR Paul said it so well ... Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in ALL CREATION, will be able to separate us from the LOVE of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

FEAR may Impair Doubt may Assail No Devil or Evil People **Can Separate Us from Our Heart's Love of God and Others**

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