

# Sermon Notes

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## **Jesus' Trial, Peter's Denial Our Opportunity to Do Better**

Matthew 26:31-35, 57-75

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**Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030**

Jesus predicts the stumbling of all His disciples (26:31-35)

Zechariah 13 ref. may suggest this refining them,  
so they come back stronger, committed to the Lord.

Peter will deny Jesus.

Jesus' trial before the Sanhedrin (26:57-68)

The truth about Jesus - Christ (Messiah-savior),  
Son of God, Son of Man from Daniel's vision

(ref.: Daniel 7:13-14)

Jesus' claims would be blasphemy, if not true.

Their actions were blasphemy, b/c of who Jesus is.

Peter's denial (26:69-75)

Peter's disobedience

**In the future, look to do better.**

**New resolve not to do that sin**

**New resolve to testify for Jesus**

Jesus envisions the disciples coming back to Him (26:32)

**Be ready to witness next time** (ref.: 1 Peter 3:15)

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What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Related reading: Jesus suffered for us, Isaiah 53:3-5.

Be ready to witness, 1 Peter 3:14-16

## Application questions for 8/16/2015 sermon Matthew 26:31-35, 67-75

What is your normal reaction to your spiritual failures? Examples: doing the same sin again, realizing you haven't been doing spiritual disciplines, failure to share Jesus in a situation. (examples of reactions: just write it off; grovel in grief; confess, get forgiven, and move on; grow and resolve to do different next time, and make a plan for next time)

While Jesus was being arrested and tried, the disciples stumbled in identifying themselves with Jesus, maybe not knowing what to do, maybe out of fear.

What can you identify that often leads to you not sharing Jesus with a non-Christian?

What can you identify that often leads to you doing that same sin again that you often do?

Jesus' eleven disciples would come back stronger, after failing.

Do you believe you can get stronger from your past failures, get more determined not to do that same sin again, get more determined to share your faith next time?

Do you have determination on those things, to do better in the future?

Take ten seconds of silence to think about Peter's denial of Jesus and how he must have felt after. Then read what Peter wrote in 1 Peter 3:15.

What do you think it means to set apart (sanctify) Christ as Lord in your heart?

"The hope that is in you" is a way of referring to the fact that Christ is in you, and you have the confident expectation (hope) of forgiveness of sin and salvation because of Him.

What do you think it means to be ready to testify to that?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?