

Series: The Disciples of Christ

FALLEN DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

JOHN 18:25-27; MATTHEW 26

Text: Matthew 26:31-35

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³¹ Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. ³² But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. ³³ Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. ³⁴ Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. ³⁵ Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

Introduction:

Peter's story is one of abandonment, conviction, bitter sorrow, repentance & restoration. His is a story with a rocky beginning and a solid ending. Join me as we consider the thought "Fallen Disciples Of Christ"

Notice:

1. HIS REVEALED ACTIONS

A. Was Sitting Warming His Hands with the Enemy

Luke 22:55

⁵⁵ And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them.

Mark 14:54

⁵⁴ And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.

B. Denied knowing and being with the Lord

Matthew 26:69-70

⁶⁹ Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. ⁷⁰ But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest.

C. Changed his way of talking, when he was around the enemy.

Matthew 26:73-74

⁷³ And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for

thy speech bewrayeth thee. ⁷⁴ Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

Mark 14:69-71

⁶⁹ And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them. ⁷⁰ And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilaean, and thy speech agreeth thereto. ⁷¹ But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak.

2. THE RESULTS OF HIS ACTIONS

A. Memory was Jolted

Matthew 26:75

⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

Luke 22:62

⁶² And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

B. Mourned Bitterly

C. Marred His Testimony

3. THE REASONS FOR HIS ACTIONS

- His was lifted up (Matt 26:33)

Matthew 26:33

³³ Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended.

Matthew 26:35

³⁵ Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

Mark 14:27-31

²⁷ And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. ²⁸ But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee. ²⁹ But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I. ³⁰ And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. ³¹ But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

- Lack of prayer

Matthew 26:36-46

³⁶ Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. ³⁷ And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. ³⁸ Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. ³⁹ And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. ⁴⁰ And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. ⁴² He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. ⁴³ And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵ Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

Mark 14:32-41

³² And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here,

while I shall pray. ³³ And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; ³⁴ And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. ³⁵ And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. ³⁷ And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour? ³⁸ Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. ³⁹ And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words. ⁴⁰ And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him. ⁴¹ And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Luke 22:40-46

⁴⁰ And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. ⁴¹ And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, ⁴² Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. ⁴³ And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴ And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as

*it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.
45 And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to
his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, 46 And
said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye
enter into temptation.*

- Failed to believe the Lord's Words

John 18:1-11

*1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth
with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a
garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. 2
And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place:
for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples. 3
Judas then, having received a band of men and officers
from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither
with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4 Jesus
therefore, knowing all things that should come upon
him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? 5
They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto
them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him
fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me
have I lost none. 10 Then Simon Peter having a sword
drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off
his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. 11 Then
said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath:
the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not
drink it?, stood with them. 6 As soon then as he had said
unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the
ground. 7 Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye?*

And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. ⁸ Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: ⁹ That the saying might be

- Followed Afar Off

Matthew 26:58

⁵⁸ But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

Luke 22:54

⁵⁴ Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off.

Mark 14:54

⁵⁴ And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.

Close:

Certainly our actions are the result of our attitude. Are attitude must be right if our actions are going to be right.