

DISCIPLE'S QUEST

*If you continue in My word, then you are
truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31



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Matthew 26:30-35

The Peril of Spiritual Pride

Main Idea:

On the walk from the upper room to Gethsemane Peter argues with Jesus, insisting that he would neither fall away nor deny Him.

Outline:

1. A foreboding prophecy
2. A fantastic promise
3. Peter's pride-fueled fall

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

- #1 Why should we be introspective as we study the Bible?
- #2 Why do you think the disciples struggled to accept the fact that Jesus' death had to precede His future millennial reign?
- #3 According to Matthew 26:31 (and Zechariah 13:7), who sent Jesus to the cross?
- #4 Why does Jesus connect His resurrection so closely to His death on the cross (16:21; 26:32 etc.)?
- #5 What seems to have kept the disciples from focusing on Jesus' promised resurrection on this occasion?
- #6 Should the disciples have been encouraged on this occasion in spite of Jesus' prophecy that they would initially desert Him? Why?
- #7 Peter rejected the Lord's word overtly and even argued with Him. How do believers today sometimes reject God's Word in more subtle fashion?
- #8 Jesus was clear that restoration would follow the disciples' sin. Is this a promise that we can lay claim to even today? Why?

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