

Abandoned

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I. Peter denies Jesus completely. (vv. 54-60a)

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"Peter was trying to follow Christ in his own power, and thus he put himself in the most vulnerable position anyone ever gets: prayer-less, but full of presumption." - Philip Ryken

"The best and highest saint is a poor weak creature, even at his best times. Whether he knows it or not, he carries within him an almost boundless capacity of wickedness, however fair and decent his outward conduct may seem. There is no enormity of sin into which he may not run, if he does not watch and pray, and if the grace of God does not hold him up. When we read the fall of Peter, we only read what might possibly befall any of ourselves. Let us never presume. Let us never indulge in high thoughts about our own strength." - J. C. Ryle

II. Jesus sees Peter's complete denial. (vv. 60b-62)

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III. Jesus begins to suffer at the hands of men. (vv. 63-65)

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Romans 5:6-8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

2 Corinthians 7:10

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

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