

“JESUS’ TRIAL, PETER’S DENIAL”

John 18:12-27

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The Apostle John interweaves writing about Jesus’ trial and Peter’s denial in John 18:12-27. In doing so, John shows the staggering contrast between Christ’s faithfulness and Peter’s unfaithfulness. Peter’s story resonates with anyone who has ever been painfully reminded of their unfaithfulness to their Savior, and their failure to live up to their own commitments to Christ. But, restoring hope is always found in Jesus, our faithful Savior.

Trial & Denial: Part I (vv.12-18)

- I. Jesus, Our Faithful Savior: (vv.12-14)
 - a. The Facts
 - b. The Foreshadowing

- II. Peter, The Unfaithful Disciple: (vv.15-18)
 - a. His First Denial
 - b. His Fear

Trial & Denial: Part II (vv.19-27)

- I. Jesus, Our Faithful Savior: (vv.19-24)
 - a. A Faulty Trial
 - b. Our Faithful Savior
 - i. Jesus is Transparent
 - ii. Jesus is Truthful

- II. Peter, The Unfaithful Disciple: (vv.25-27)
 - a. His Final Denials
 - b. His Failure

Bottom Line: Jesus is faithful even when we are unfaithful.

TO DISCUSS WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS:

1. Read Matthew 26:30-35. How could Peter shift from committing to die for Jesus, to denying that he was a disciple three times? Have you ever made commitments to Christ that you failed to live up to?
2. Have you ever been nervous to share with others that you are a follower of Christ, or even avoided doing so entirely? What were you fearful of at the time?
3. How can we grow in our boldness to identify as a follower of Jesus?
4. Read Luke 22:59-62. How does Luke’s account contrast with John’s? What is Peter’s heart response when he is made aware of his sin?
5. What truth from today’s sermon caused you worship God more? How can you apply today’s sermon to your life this week?

FOR NEXT TIME— Read John 18:28-40, *What is Truth?*