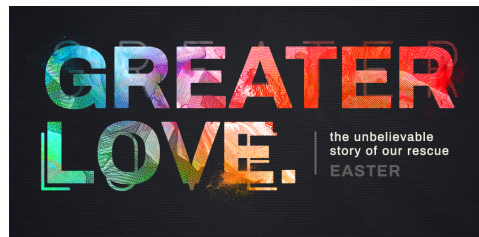


## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia Message...

#### Rescued from our Denial

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April 7, 2023 - Good Friday



Mark 14:27-31 On the way, Jesus told them, “All of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say,

‘God will strike the Shepherd,  
and the sheep will be scattered.’

<sup>28</sup> But after I am raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there.”

<sup>29</sup> Peter said to him, “Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will.”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me.”

<sup>31</sup> “No!” Peter declared emphatically. “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!” And all the others vowed the same.

Mark 14:66-72 Meanwhile, Peter was in the courtyard below. One of the servant girls who worked for the high priest came by <sup>67</sup> and noticed Peter warming himself at the fire. She looked at him closely and said, “You were one of those with Jesus of Nazareth.”

<sup>68</sup> But Peter denied it. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said, and he went out into the entryway. Just then, a rooster crowed. <sup>69</sup> When the servant girl saw him standing there, she began telling the others, “This man is definitely one of them!” <sup>70</sup> But Peter denied it again.

A little later some of the other bystanders confronted Peter and said, “You must be one of them, because you are a Galilean.”

<sup>71</sup> Peter swore, “A curse on me if I’m lying—I don’t know this man you’re talking about!” <sup>72</sup> And immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Suddenly, Jesus’ words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me.” And he broke down and wept.

- **Peter’s denial was a denial of the Way of Jesus.**

2 Tim. 2:11-13 This is a trustworthy saying:

If we die with him, we will also live with him.

<sup>12</sup> If we endure hardship, we will reign with him.

If we deny him, he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful,  
for he cannot deny who he is.

- **Participation in the life and death of Jesus is through self-denial.**

- **We are like Peter, because we all deny Jesus.**

**Big Idea: Participate in the self-denying Way of Jesus and be rescued into new life.**



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**#2 of 3 - April 7, 2023**

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