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"I do not know this Man of whom you speak!" - Mark 14:71

Mark 14:27-31, 53,54, 66-72

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- Every sin we commit is a result of our failure to implement the wisdom & strength of God, which He provides us through His word - Ps 119:9-11; Ep 6:10-18; 2 Pet 1:5-11; 1 Jn 3:9
- After Peter is told he will deny Jesus three times, he assures Jesus he would never do that - then he denies Jesus three times.

Mark 14:27-31 (NKJV)

27 Then Jesus said to them, "All of
you will be made to stumble
because of Me this night, for it is
written: 'I will strike the Shepherd,
And the sheep will be scattered.' 28
"But after I have been raised, I will
go before you to Galilee."

Mark 14:27-31 (NKJV)

[29] Peter said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be." [30] Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." [31] But he spoke more vehemently, "If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And they all said likewise.

Mark 14:53–54 (NKJV)

53 And they led Jesus away to the high
priest; and with him were assembled all
the chief priests, the elders, and the
scribes. 54 But Peter followed Him at a
distance, right into the courtyard of the
high priest. And he sat with the
servants and warmed himself at the fire.

Mark 14:66-72 (NKJV)

66 Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came. 67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You also were with Jesus of Nazareth.”

Mark 14:66-72 (NKJV)

68 But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you are saying.” And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed. 69 And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, “This is one of them.”

Mark 14:66-72 (NKJV)

70 But he denied it again. And a little
later those who stood by said to Peter
again, “Surely you are one of them;
for you are a Galilean, and your
speech shows it.” 71 Then he began to
curse and swear, “I do not know this
Man of whom you speak!”

Mark 14:66-72 (NKJV)

72 A second time the rooster
crowed. Then Peter called to mind
the word that Jesus had said to him,
"Before the rooster crows twice, you
will deny Me three times." And
when he thought about it, he wept.

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- Peter - Close to Jesus:
  - ✓ At transfiguration - (Mat. 17:1)
  - ✓ Raising daughter of Jarius - (Lk 8:51)
  - ✓ Asked about destr. of Jerusalem - (Mk. 13:3)
  - ✓ In Garden - (Mat. 26:37-40; Mk. 5:37)

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- Peter - Close to Jesus:
  - ✓ Jesus healed mother-in-law - (Mat 8:14)
  - ✓ Walked on the water - (Mat. 14:28)
  - ✓ Confessed Jesus as being the Christ - (Mat. 16:13ff)
  - ✓ Asked "To whom shall we go" - (Jn 6:68)

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How Did Peter Go From Confessing Jesus To Denying Him?

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- **MISUNDERSTANDING** -
- Peter - quick to follow - John 1:35-42; Mt 4:18-22
- Impulsive - Quick to Speak & act - Mt 15:15; 16:13-18; 17:4; Jn 13:8-9
- Rebuked Jesus for speaking of His death - Mat 16:21-23

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- **MISUNDERSTANDING** -
- **PRIDE** -

- Initially refuses to allow Jesus to wash his feet - (Jn 13:6-9)
- Over Confident - Told he would deny Jesus - which he denied - “Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be.” - (Mark 14:29-31; - cf. Mat 26:31-35; Lk 22:33, 34; Jn 13:6-38)

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- **PRIDE** -
- **NEGLECT** –
- **PRESUMPTUOUS** -
- **COWARDICE** –
- **WORLDLINESS** –

- In Garden / Asleep - (Mt. 26:36-46)
- Attacks Malchus / rebuked by Jesus - (Jn 18:10-12; Mat 6:51-54)
- Followed at a distance - (Mat 26:56-58)
- Warms himself by the fire - (Mark 14:54; Mat 26:58)

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- 67 “You also were with Jesus of Nazareth.” 68 But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you are saying.”
- 69 . . .“This is one of them.” 70 But he denied it again.
- 70 . . . “Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it.” 71 Then he began to curse and swear, “I do not know this Man of whom you speak!”

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- **MISUNDERSTANDING** - Mat 16:21-23; Hos 4:6; 2 Pt 3:16-18
- **PRIDE** - Mark 14:29,31; Prov 16:18; 18:12; 1 Cor. 10:12
- **NEGLECT** – Mark 14:37-38; John 9:4; 1 Thes. 5:6
- **PRESUMPTUOUS** - Mark 14:47; 2 Chro 13:1-14; 15:2,13
- **COWARDICE** – Mark 14:54; 8:38; Rev 21:8
- **WORLDLINESS** – Mark 14:54; Prov. 6:27-29; Ja 4:4

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- **DENIAL** – Mark 14:66-71; Mat 10:32,33; 2 Tim 2:12; Tit 1:16
- **Stubborn unbelief** - Jn 20:30,31; 8:24; Heb 11:6
- **Cowardice** - Rev 21:8; John 12:42,43; Mat 10:28
- **Teaching / following the wrong Jesus** - 2 Cor 11:3,4; Gal 1:6-9; Mat 7:21-23
- **Not obeying the REAL Jesus** - Luke 6:46; Heb 5:8,9; 2 Thes 1:8

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Peter's Return To The Lord

- Jesus prophesied Peter's Denial – Mark 14:30
- Jesus prayed that Peter's faith would not fail - Luke 22:32
- Jesus said, "when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren ." Luke 22:32; John 21:15

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Peter's Return To The Lord

When the Cock Crew...

Luke 22:60–62 (NKJV)

60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not
know what you are saying!"
Immediately, while he was still
speaking, the rooster crowed. 61 And
the Lord turned and looked at Peter.
Then Peter remembered the word of
the Lord, how He had said to him,
"Before the rooster crows, you will
deny Me three times." 62 So Peter
went out and wept bitterly.

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When the Cock Crew...

- A Moral Coward Remembered - Mat 26:75; Luke 12:4, 5 (cf. 2 Peter 1:5)
- A Sorrowful Man Wept Bitter Tears - Mat 26:75; 2 Cor 7:10
- An Erring Disciple Returned to God - Luke 22:31; Mk 14:72

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His Restoration / Usefulness

- Preached on Pentecost - Converted 3,000 + (Acts 2)
- Preached to Cornelius (Acts 10)
- Participated in Discussion at Jerusalem (Acts 15)
- Served as an Elder (1 Pet. 5:1-4)
- Wrote 1 Peter (Living Holy)
- Wrote 2 Peter (Danger of Departing)

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His Restoration / Usefulness

BEFORE	AFTER
Pride (Mt. 26:31-33)	**Humility** (1 Pet 5:5-6)
Indifference (Mt. 26:36-46)	**Diligence** (2 Pet. 1:5, 10)
Coward (Mt. 26:58)	**Bold** (Acts 4:19; 5:29)
distracted By World (Mk. 14:54)	**Focused on Heaven** (2 Pet 3:13-14)

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Lessons & Applications

Take Heed / Watch & Pray

- If you are now a child of God carefully following in your masters footsteps
- GROW IN KNOWLEDGE
- BE HUMBLE
- BE DILIGENT
- WALK BY FAITH
- COURAGEOUS
- SPIRITUAL MINDED

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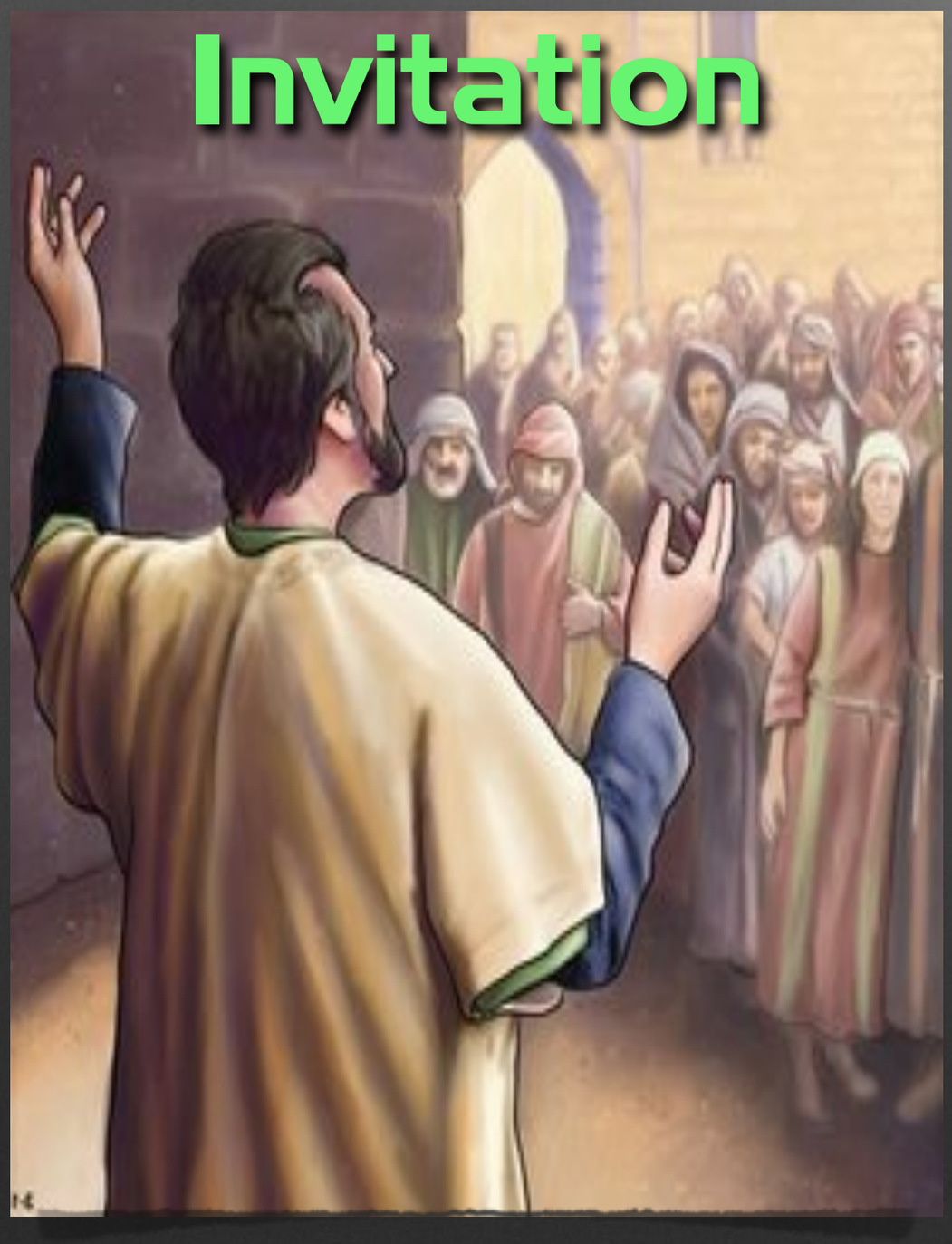

- Your response, after becoming aware of your sin, is what matters MOST!
- If you have traveled the road of a backslider . . . You can come home! Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9.10
- You can be a valuable & an effective servant of the Lord - you can confess Him daily - you can lead many to Christ – 1 Pet 3:14,15; 4:16

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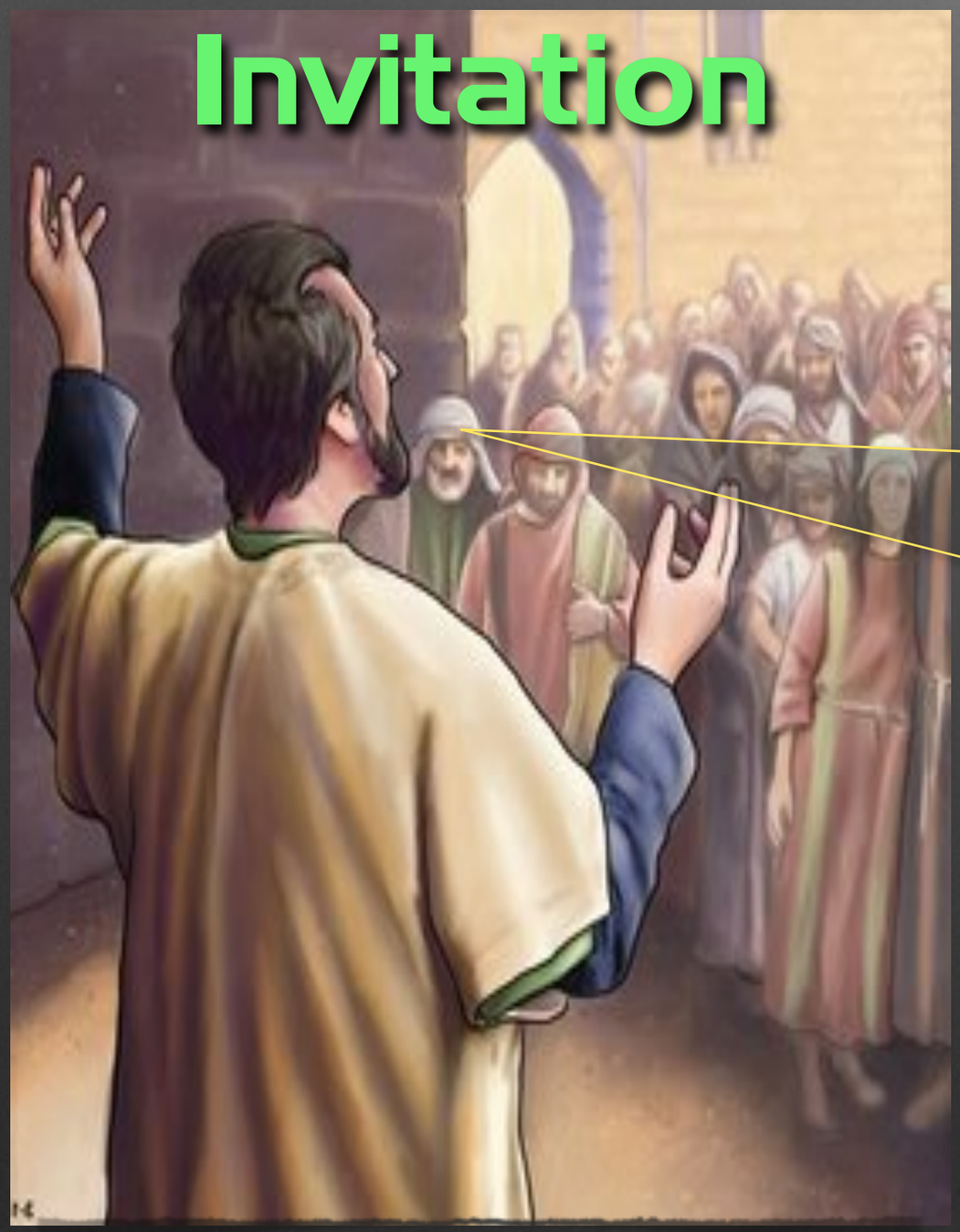

Acts 2:36–38 (NKJV)

36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." 37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Luke 22:24-34 (NKJV)

24 Now there was also a dispute among
them, as to which of them should be
considered the greatest. 25 And He
said to them, "The kings of the
Gentiles exercise lordship over them,
and those who exercise authority over
them are called 'benefactors.'

Luke 22:24-34 (NKJV)

26 But not so among you; on the
contrary, he who is greatest among
you, let him be as the younger, and he
who governs as he who serves. 27 For
who is greater, he who sits at the table,
or he who serves? Is it not he who sits
at the table? Yet I am among you as
the One who serves.

Luke 22:24-34 (NKJV)

28 “But you are those who have
continued with Me in My trials. 29 And
I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as
My Father bestowed one upon Me, 30
that you may eat and drink at My table
in My kingdom, and sit on thrones
judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Luke 22:24-34 (NKJV)

31 And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon!
Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that
he may sift you as wheat. 32 But I
have prayed for you, that your faith
should not fail; and when you have
returned to Me, strengthen your
brethren."

Luke 22:24-34 (NKJV)

33 But he said to Him, “Lord, I
am ready to go with You, both to
prison and to death.” 34 Then He
said, “I tell you, Peter, the
rooster shall not crow this day
before you will deny three times
that you know Me.”