

# Stations of the Cross

## Denial

*Scripture Passage*

*Luke 22:(24-34) 54-62*



# Stations of the Cross

***Following Jesus, who said,***  
“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

***and recognizing how difficult that can be***



# Peter denies knowing Jesus

*The lead-up*

*Last Supper*

*Announcement of betrayer at table*

<sup>23</sup> They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

<sup>24</sup> A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest.



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## *Basic Kingdom Principle*

<sup>26</sup> ... the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves.

## *The part they heard:*

<sup>29</sup> And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, <sup>30</sup> so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.



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## *The discipleship deal: sifting and strengthening*

<sup>31</sup> "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. <sup>32</sup> But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."



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## *Arguing in agreement*

<sup>33</sup> But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."



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## *The Peter Pattern*

“Lord, if it’s you, tell me to come to you on the water.”

“You of little faith,”

“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

on this rock I will build my church

**Peter** took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

Get behind me, Satan!

“Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters...”

“Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.”



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*Peter Principle 1:*

*Better to bluster and blunder, than  
to silently stay stuck*





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## *Into the court of good intentions*

Peter followed at a distance. <sup>55</sup> And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them.



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## *Testimony of three witnesses*

### *1. The impertinent innocent*

<sup>56</sup> A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him."

<sup>57</sup> But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.



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## *2. General Population Male*

<sup>58</sup> A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."

"Man, I am not!" Peter replied.



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## ***3. Authoritative assertion***

<sup>59</sup> About an hour later another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.”

<sup>60</sup> Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!”



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## *The alarm sounds*

Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed.

***and crowed and crowed and crowed***

<sup>61</sup> The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.”



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*Bad or beautiful?*

<sup>62</sup> And he went outside and wept bitterly.

*Peter Principle 2:*

*Disciples fall and weep before the challenge of the cross.*

