

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Where is it written “I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered?” What does this mean?
2. Why did the Lord tell Peter that he would deny Him?
3. What should Peter have done when he was told he would deny the Lord?
4. Why did Peter, knowing he would deny Christ, follow afar off after Christ? (verse 54) Why didn’t he flee like most of the other disciples?
5. What emotion did Peter exhibit after the cock crowed twice and Peter recalled the words Jesus said to him?
6. How can we tell when our confidence is in ourselves rather than in Christ?
7. Does learning to know our strengths and weaknesses help us be better equipped to handle temptations?

### SUMMARY:

Peter was very confident that he would not deny the Lord, not realizing the weakness of the flesh against the temptation of the devil. How quickly Peter found out that his confidence was deceitful! Because he trusted only in his own strength, he had no power to resist the temptation to deny Christ, even though he was warned in advance.

It is important that we today realize the weakness of the flesh against temptations and that all temptations are of the devil. We must realize that the only power against temptation is from the Lord. We also are given a warning to “be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Peter 5:8)

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #10

March 5, 2023

First Quarter

### THE KING DISOWNED

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Mark 14:26-31, 66-72*

**LESSON SETTING:** On the Mount of Olives outside Jerusalem.

**TIME:** About 33 A.D. The night before Jesus died on the cross.

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- I. A PROMISE OF LOYALTY.** Mark 14:26-29
  - A. Self-Confidence (vs. 29, 31) Proverbs 27:1; 28:26; 1 Corinthians 10:12
  - B. Self-Deception. Isaiah 44:20; Galatians 6:3; Revelation 3:17
- II. A PROPHECY OF FAILURE.** Mark 14:30-31
  - A. Christ’s Foreknowledge (vs. 27, 30) John 6:64; 13:11
  - B. Hearts Read. Luke 11:17; John 2:24-25
  - C. Human Weakness. Matthew 26:41; Romans 7:5
- III. A PROOF OF WEAKNESS.** Mark 14:66-72
  - A. Cowardice. Proverbs 28:1; Galatians 6:12; 2 Timothy 4:16
  - B. Denial of Christ. Matthew 10:33; Mark 8:38; 1 John 2:22

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**GOLDEN TEXT:** *WHEREFORE, LET HIM THAT THINKETH HE STANDETH TAKE HEED LEST HE FALL.* 1 Corinthians 10:12

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Mark 15:1-15

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Isaiah 53:1-6; Matthew 27:16-26;  
Luke 23:16-25

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ - King and Savior

**TOPIC:** THE KING CONDEMNED

**INTRODUCTION:**

It was morning and Jesus was brought before Pilate. He was calm and resigned. He had fought His battle the night before in the Garden of Gethsemane when He chose to do His Father's will. To all appearances He had lost the battle, but in reality He had conquered. It was for this very purpose—to give His life—that He came to this earth.

He stood in silence and humility before His accusers. But how His tender heart must have been pierced to hear this cry from the very people who were His own brethren and for whom He had come: "Crucify Him!"

His own were crucifying Him because of envy which even Pilate could detect in their cry (vs. 10). They pretended to condemn Him because they said He had broken the law, had blasphemed, and made Himself equal to God. But it was envy that was at the root of their sin. Envy can have a vicious hold on a person's heart, which will lead him to any extremity to appease it. And so it was with the Lord's own brethren. All they desired was to be rid of Jesus.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** We can lead successful Christian lives only by trusting in the grace and strength of God.

**GOLDEN TEXT: HE IS DESPISED AND REJECTED OF MEN: A MAN OF SORROWS, AND ACQUAINTED WITH GRIEF.** Isaiah 53:3

How clearly this prophecy of Isaiah foresees the sacrifice of our Lord, who had to come and pay the price for all sin and iniquity. He was despised of men that we might become beloved of God. He was rejected on earth so that we could be accepted into Heaven. He became a man of sorrows to make possible our eternal joy. He became acquainted with grief so that we might be comforted. Yes, He was made mortal to make possible our immortality.

How wicked for men to despise Him still! How foolish to reject Him even now. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3)

O Man of Sorrows,  
Thou whom God did sorely chasten,  
For all thy suffering now  
To bring our thanks we hasten;

Thy strife our victory, Thy death our life in heaven;  
And in Thy bonds we see The freedom thou hast given;  
Thy cross our comfort true, Thy wounds a balm that healed,  
Thy blood a ransom due, To sinners poor, revealed.

Z.H. 224:1a, 2

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 6 – 12**

Mon. The Rejected Savior. Isaiah 53:1-6  
Tue. The Triumphant Savior. Isaiah 53:7-12  
Wed. \*Delivered to Pilate. Mark 15:1-5  
Thu. \*Christ or Barabbas? Mark 15:6-15  
Fri. The Weak Governor. Matthew 27:16-26  
Sat. Christ Talks to Pilate. John 18:33-40  
Sun. The People's Choice. Luke 23:16-25

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