



The ROAD TO REDEMPTION

Matthew 26:69-75

69 Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.

70 But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest.

71 And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth.

72 And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.

73 And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee.

74 Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

SERMON NOTES

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Main Idea: The resurrection of Christ promises redemption for His wayward people.

1. The Disciple's _____ [Mat 26:69-75]

- Even Christ's closest followers failed to confess Him in His darkest hour.

A. The _____ of Denial [v. 73-75]

- Sin escalates when we _____ ourselves from Christ.
- Christ will have no part with lukewarm followers [Rev 3:16]

B. The _____ of Conviction [v. 75]

- The Holy Spirit's work brings us to _____ [Jn 16:8]
- Genuine, godly sorrow is usually the first step toward repentance [2 Cor 7:10; Ps 51:1-4]

2. The Shepherd's _____ [Jn 21:15-19]

A. The _____ of Fellowship [Jn 21:15-18]

- Jesus seeks out the broken and restores them [Lk 15:20-24; 1 Jn 1:9]

B. The _____ to Service [Jn 21:19]

- Jesus' forgiveness includes purpose and calling
- Not only did Jesus _____ Peter's fellowship with Himself, but He _____ him as one of the disciples by giving him ministry responsibility
- Your past failures don't disqualify your future usefulness [Phil 1:6; 1 Tim 1:12-13; 2 Tim 2:21]