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Mark 14:53-72
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Using This Study

O EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

9 EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

© EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.





At the end of Chapter 14, Jesus has been arrested and taken to the house of the high priest. There He is put on trial, and they seek evidence to convict Him and have Him put to death. Peter follows at a distance trying to see what is going on. When Peter is confronted, we see the difference between Jesus' response to questioning and Peter's response. Jesus denies His self with no defense. Peter is in the mode of self-defense and self-preservation. We see that the true servant choses self-denial over self-defense.

Mark 14:53-72 New English Translation

Condemned by the Sanhedrin

⁵³ Then they led Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests and elders and experts in the law came together. 54 And Peter had followed him from a distance, up to the high priest's courtyard. He was sitting with the guards and warming himself by the fire. ⁵⁵ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find anything. ⁵⁶ Many gave false testimony against him, but their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷ Some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: ⁵⁸ "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands and in three days build another not made with hands." ⁵⁹ Yet even on this point their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is this that they are testifying against you?" 61 But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest questioned him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" 62 "I am," said Jesus, "and you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven." 63 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? 64 You have heard the blasphemy!

What is your verdict?" They all condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵ Then some began to spit on him, and to blindfold him, and to strike him with their fists, saying, "Prophesy!" The guards also took him and beat him.

Peter's Denials

⁶⁶ Now while Peter was below in the courtyard. one of the high priest's slave girls came by. ⁶⁷ When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked directly at him and said, "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus." ⁶⁸ But he denied it: "I don't even understand what you're talking about!" Then he went out to the gateway, and a rooster crowed. 69 When the slave girl saw him, she began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." 70 But he denied it again. A short time later the bystanders again said to Peter, "You must be one of them, because you are also a Galilean." 71 Then he began to curse, and he swore with an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about!" 72 Immediately a rooster crowed a second time. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said to him: "Before a rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

• **EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

- 1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
- 2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.

3.	What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.			
4.	Is there anything repeated?			
5.	What is emphasized?			
6.	Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?			
7.	Are there things to be noted that are alike or unalike such as similes and metaphors?			
EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion) What does God MEAN?				
8.	After being accused, why did Jesus remain silent in verses 60 and 61?			

	9. The high priest ultimately found Jesus guilty of what?
	10. Why do you think Peter followed Jesus and stood out in the courtyard?
	11. Why did Peter deny Jesus when he had just told Jesus he would go to death with Him? (29-31)
	12. It crushed Peter to know that he denied Jesus and he broke down and wept. Is it possible to overcome this big a failure? How does he ultimately respond later in scripture?
3	EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion) Why does this MATTER to me?
	13. It is possible that Peter thought that he had blown it and that there was no way to recover from his failure, but he does. What can help us understand that even when we have a monumental failure we can overcome it?

·	s first by being silent before His accusers. What are Jesus' example and deny ourselves and follow Jesus?		
15. What are some things that we should re faithful even during difficulty?	emember during trials in our life that will help us stay		
Summarize your thoughts on the passage Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO			

SERMON NOTES