

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

Matthew 26:31-35

26³¹Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will fall away on account of me, for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

³²But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

³³Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

³⁴"Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

³⁵But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

Name _____

Answer the following questions based on the reading passage. Don't forget to go back to the passage whenever necessary to find or confirm your answers.

1) Jesus told the disciples that they would "fall away" on his account, which means they would run away. When reading the sentence: "I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered"...

Who is the shepherd? _____

Who are sheep of the flock? _____

2) How many times did Jesus say Peter would disown him? (Circle one)

1

3

4

3) Did Peter agree or disagree that he would disown Jesus?

Peter Disowns Jesus

Matthew 26:69-75

⁶⁹Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said.

⁷⁰But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.

⁷¹Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

⁷²He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!”

⁷³After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.”

⁷⁴Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!”

Immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

4) Who was the first person that asked Peter if he was with Jesus?

5) Who was the second person that approached Peter?

6) How many times did Peter deny Jesus?

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7) What did Peter hear that made him remember Jesus’ words?

8) When have you ever denied knowing someone or doing something in order to keep from either getting in trouble or being teased?
