

Matt. 26:30-35; Mark 14:26-31; Luke 22:31-34, 39; John 13:36-38, 18:1

How many times Jesus tell Peter he would deny Him? How times did Jesus say Peter would deny Him?

## **Part I PETER'S FALL**

### **I. WARNINGS OF JESUS TO PETER**

- ◆ First John 13:36-38 – in the Upper Room – early the evening before He shared the conversations of chapters 14-17 – Peter will deny 3 times before rooster crows -
- ◆ Second Luke 22:31-34 – in the Upper Room – near end of proceedings - Peter will deny 3 times before rooster crows – “this day”
- ◆ Third Matt. 26:30-35 – on the path that leads to Gethsemane – Jesus is more intense in His response to Peter bragging – “this night”
- ◆ Fourth Mark 14:26-31 – vs. 26-29 same as Matt. – vs.30 “twice” makes us pay attention – three times before cock crows twice – 3 times before cock crows once, then 3 times before the second crowing = **six times.**

### **II. DENIALS OF PETER TO ACCUSERS**

Matt. 26:57-75; Mark 14:53-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-27

Peter's denials are provoked by at least 6 different accusers.

1. The maid at the entrance (Jn. 18)
2. A maid in the courtyard (Mt., Mk., Lk.)
3. A maid in the porch (Mt.)
4. Two different men (Lk., Jn.)
5. The bystanders (Mt., Mk., Jn.).

Combining several of these will not get you down to three denials.

What's the solution? Accept that Jesus' warnings said Peter would deny six times.

Accept that Peter was provoked and denied Jesus at least six different times.

Peter is believed to have helped Mark in writing his Gospel; which may explain

Mark recording the second set of denials. Mark 14:30

## **PART II PETER'S FORGIVENESS**

### **I. JESUS WARNS PETER OF FAILING Luke 22:31-34**

Peter you will fail. (vs.31, 34). Brothers and sisters you and I also repeatedly fail our Lord Jesus

### **II. JESUS PROMISES PETER RESTORATION 22:32**

Jesus sought out Peter after the resurrection Mark 16:7; Luke 24:34

Jesus tested Peter at breakfast in Galilee John 21:11-17

Jesus uses Peter greatly Acts 2:14-41

Forgiveness, cleansing and restoration are ours by confessing our sins in a humble and contrite attitude. I John 1:9