

DOWN BUT NOT OUT

Luke 22:54-62

All 4 _____ record Peter's denial and its aftermath and they must be harmonized to yield a full account Peter followed the soldiers who arrested Jesus to the house of _____ the father-in-law of the high priest _____ also followed Jesus that night; he knew the high priest and asked that Peter be permitted to enter A _____ stared at Peter in the firelight and accused him; he said: "I don't know what you are talking about" A little later when several accused Peter of being with Jesus, he replied, "I _____ I do not know the man" When those in the crowd recognized Peter as being from Galilee, one also accused him of being in the _____ Peter finally replied by swearing/invoking a curse: "I swear I do not know Him; May God strike me _____ if I do." As Peter uttered his final denial, the cock crowed—not necessarily at _____ ; roosters crow at all times of night "The Lord turned and _____ at Peter"—it is uncertain how this circumstance was possible, but Luke records it

I. PETER'S DENIAL

- A. Peter voluntarily chose to put himself in company that _____ him into his denial
 - 1) Sometimes we do not get to pick our _____ and ought to use the opportunity for evangelism
 - 2) But many also construct their peer groups by who they connect to/pay attention to on _____
- B. Peter was not forced to his denial by threat of physical violence/death, but rather by _____ pressure
 - 1) Before we find ourselves in court facing fines or prison, our views will be _____ and ridiculed
 - 2) Those attuned to the power of _____ media feel the most pressure when they are shamed online
- C. The solution is not picking _____ ; Peter's first response to the crowd was to start swinging his sword
 - 1) Jesus immediately stopped Peter—"Stop! Enough of this!"—and _____ Malchus' ear with a touch
 - 2) It is easy to pick fights on _____ media, particularly on sites that permit anonymous comments
 - 3) The solution is to speak the truth in _____ : neither swing the sword nor deny our faith or Biblical truth

II. PETER'S RESTORATION

- A. Peter did not remain long in his _____ state before repentance and restoration occurred It is best if we never sin, but if we do sin, it is better that we _____ begin to repent of our sin
- B. God used a dumb animal to bring about Peter's restoration; God can even use sinful _____
 - 1) The crowing of the rooster had this effect because it caused Peter to remember the _____ of Jesus
 - 2) We must never get discouraged in seeking to get children to _____ or know God's Word
- C. Peter responded to the look of Jesus, the _____ that made the crowing and the words effective
 - 1) It was a look of _____ ; from this look Peter had no doubt that he had failed his Lord
 - 2) It was a look of _____ ; Peter broke the heart of Jesus before He ever got to the cross
 - 3) In this look was an offer of _____ ; earlier Jesus said, "when you have returned to me," not if
- D. The indications of Peter's true repentance and restoration (Luke 22:62):
 - 1) Peter _____ out: when Christians repent they leave the companions that led them astray
 - 2) Peter _____ :Spurgeon—"If any of you have sinned like Peter, go and weep like Peter."