

Study #8 Bible Reading: Matthew 26:19-25, 30-35, 47, 55-58, 69-75

26:19 The disciples did as Jesus directed them and got the Passover ready. 20 In the evening He reclined with the twelve for the supper. 21 While they were eating, He said: "I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray Me!" 22 Feeling deeply hurt, they asked Him one by one, "You don't mean me, Lord?"

23 "One who is dipping into the bowl with Me will betray Me!" He answered. 24 "The Son of Man is going away as it is written about Him, but woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for that man if he had never been born." 25 "You don't mean me, Master?" asked Judas, who was going to betray Him. "I do!" He told him.

30 Then they sang a hymn. They started out for the Mount of Olives. 31 Then Jesus said to them, "Tonight you will all turn against Me. It is written: 'I will strike down the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'" 32 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

33 "Even if they all turn against You," Peter answered Him, "I'll never turn against You." 34 "I tell you the truth," Jesus told him, "Tonight before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." 35 "Even if I have to die with You," Peter told Him, "I'll never deny You!" All the other disciples said the same thing.

47b There came Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the ruling priests and elders of the people.

55 Then Jesus said to the crowd, "You came out to arrest Me with swords and clubs as if I were a robber! Day after day I sat and taught in the temple, and you didn't arrest Me. 56 But all this has happened so that what the prophets have written would come true."

Then all the disciples left Him and ran away. 57 Those who arrested Jesus took Him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the Bible scholars and the elders and been called together. 58 Peter followed Him at a distance until he came to the high priest's courtyard. Going inside, he sat with the attendants to see how this would end.

69 Peter was sitting out in the courtyard. A maid came to him, saying, "You, too, were with Jesus, the Galilean." 70 But he denied it in front of all of them: "I don't know what you're talking about." 71 As he went out to the entrance, another maid saw him. "He was with Jesus from Nazareth," she told those who were there. 72 Again Peter denied, and he swore, "I don't know the Man!" 73 After a little while the men who were standing there came and told Peter, "Sure, you're one of them. Anyone can tell by the way you talk."

74 Then he started to curse and swear, "I don't know the Man!" Just then the rooster crowed, 75 and Peter remembered Jesus saying, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went outside and cried bitterly.