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LAKE RIDGE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Luke 22:54-62

Jesus in Jerusalem

⁵⁴ Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶ Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷ But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸ And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." ⁵⁹ And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean."

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⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly.


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 **Denied!** *Jesus* in Jerusalem

Despite Tough Talk, Peter Denied Jesus

- Satan was permitted to tempt Peter (Luke 22:31-34)
- Peter failed Satan's test
- He denied knowing Jesus 3 times
- He invoked God's curse on himself!


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 **Denied!** *Jesus* in Jerusalem

What Will You Do In Peter's Shoes?

- You will be tempted by Satan – though you have God's power to resist or escape (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- You may be tempted to stay silent about Jesus one day
- What will you do if persecution comes?
- Prepare by thinking about all Jesus has done for you

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 **Denied!** *Jesus* in Jerusalem

If You Ever Fail Jesus, Embrace His Grace!

- Peter no longer considered himself a disciple
- He was defined by (and trapped in) his failure
- Jesus graciously restored Him (John 21:15-19)
- If you ever fail Jesus, embrace His grace!
- He will always forgive and restore you – just ask!

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