



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: John 13:6-38 (NAS)

“Peter’s Denial Predicted”

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| 36 | Simon Peter *said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered, "Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but you will follow later." |
| 37 | Peter *said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You."  |
| 38 | Jesus *answered, "Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times." |

### **I. THE CONTEXT: JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT A GREATER LOVE**

- A. A Love With Extended Boundaries *Galatians 3:28*
- B. A Love Which Was Truly Sacrificial
- C. A Love Empowered By The Holy Spirit
- D. A Love Which Was To Be The Emblem Of Believers *John 13:35*

### **II. PETER’S THOUGHTS NOT FOLLOWING JESUS’ TEACHING**

- A. Focused On Comment Of Jesus, “You Cannot Come With Me”
- B. Desired To Know The Why, Where, When, Which Were Not For Him To Know

### **III. PETER COMPARED TO JUDAS**

- A. Both Called To Be Disciples
- B. Both Under Jesus’ Tutelage For 3 Years
- C. Contrast

- 1. Peter was a true believer; Judas was not
- 2. Peter repented; Judas did not

### **IV. PETER’S FALL INTO SIN**

- A. It May Seem A Sudden Momentary Lapse
- B. Great Sins Do Not Just Occur In A Vacuum *Proverbs 4:23-27*
- C. Peter Had An “I Know It” Attitude *James 1:19*
  - 1. He failed to understand Christ must die for him not the other way around *John 12:34; Luke 18:31-33*
  - 2. He failed to comprehend the meaning of the Lord’s Supper
- D. Peter Failed To See His Weakness
  - 1. He was over-confident *Mark 14:29*
  - 2. He was proud *Proverbs 16:18*
  - 3. He neglected the power available to him *II Corinthians 12:9*

### **APPLICATION: RAISING OUR GUARD AGAINST SIN**

- 1. Need To Be Quick To Hear The Word Of God
- 2. We Need To Be Careful Not To Neglect Praying Especially In Time Of Temptation
- 3. We Need To Relinquish The Pride Which Says, “I Could Never Do That.”