

MATTHEW

August 13, 2023

Matthew 26:69-75

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Mark 14:66-72

Lue 22:55-65

John 18:15-18, 25-27

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. How did Peter gain access into the courtyard of the high priest's residence (John 18:15-16)? Is there anything about this that sparks your curiosity?

2. Where does Peter try to settle in (Luke 22:55; Matthew 26:58) and why is he there? What does he hope to accomplish?

Why is this a dangerous place for Peter to be (c.f., John 18:12,18)?

3. What triggers the first challenge to Peter's presence (John 18:17)?

What is the substance of his first denial? (Compare this with the other Gospel accounts.)

4. Peter's second denial involves "an oath" (v. 72). How does this intensify his denial?

5. The third challenge to Peter, at least in part, comes from a relative of Malchus (John 18:26).

(Compare this with the other Gospel accounts.) What characterizes his final denial (v. 74) and what does this suggest?

Of what is Peter now guilty?

6. What causes Peter's intense reaction (Mark 14:72; Luke 22:61)?

7. Peter's path to restoration will require _____ (c.f., Luke 22:32)?

8. How will Jesus affirm Peter's restoration (John 21:15-19)?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will really listen to Jesus daily by . . .

I will keep watching & praying daily by . . .

I will deny myself and take up my cross daily by . . .