

**Peter's Delusion, Peter's Denial**  
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The story of Peter's denial is a warning against spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ -  
\_\_\_\_\_ (compare Luke 22:33 and 1 Corinthians 10:12)

At the time of Jesus' trial, there were essentially *two* high priests in  
Jerusalem – \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

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Since the Jewish law declared that no legal trial could be held under the  
darkness of \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus would have to face a third counsel once the  
sun had come up.

From what we see in scripture, only two of the disciples followed after  
Jesus once He was apprehended in the Garden of Gethsemane.

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**Peter does his best to blend in, but in the morning hours he faces  
three accusations in the courtyard of the priestly residence:**

**1<sup>ST</sup> accusation:** 'He was \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.'

**2<sup>ND</sup> accusation:** 'He is also \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.'

**3<sup>RD</sup> accusation:** Given with more certainty, presented with \_\_\_\_\_.

\*Jewish law required the testimony of \_\_\_\_\_ witnesses to convict  
someone of a crime. These three accusations, in the mind of Peter, likely  
represent a solid case against him. (Deuteronomy 19:15)

When Peter completes his denial and looks across the courtyard to see  
Jesus gazing back at him, Peter doesn't see hatred... he sees something  
that probably hurts even more – he sees \_\_\_\_\_.

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Peter's bitter weeping is clear in each of the gospels. The remorse Peter  
feels in the courtyard echoes the confession he made when he was first  
\_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus:

**Luke 5:8** – *But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees,  
saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."*

**How, then, can we learn to "\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_", since this is the  
instruction that keeps us from falling.** (see again, 1 Corinthians 10:12)  
**Keep aware of:**

- How \_\_\_\_\_ God is
- How \_\_\_\_\_ we are
- How \_\_\_\_\_ the world is
- How \_\_\_\_\_ prayer is

\*And do not forget, Peter may have lost his \_\_\_\_\_ for a  
moment, but he did not truly lose his \_\_\_\_\_...

**Luke 22:31-32** – <sup>31</sup>*"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have  
you, that he might sift you like wheat, <sup>32</sup>but I have prayed for you that  
your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your  
brothers."*