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# MATTHEW

## JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

**Peter's Denials; Forgiveness**  
**Matthew 26:69–75; Mark 14:66–72;**  
**Luke 22:56–62; John 18:26–27**

**Luke 1:77, “To give knowledge of salvation to His people by the forgiveness of their sins,”**

**Luke 24:47, “and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”**

**Ex. 34:6, “And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,**

**Ex. 34:7, “ ‘keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.’ ”**

**Mic. 7:18, “Who is a God like You,  
pardoning iniquity and passing over the  
transgression of the remnant of His  
heritage? He does not retain His anger  
forever, because He delights in mercy.”**

**Acts 10:43, “To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins.”**

**Luke 22:32, “But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.”**

## Jesus' Prediction

**Matt. 26:31**, “Then Jesus said to them, ‘All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: “*I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.*”’”

**Matt. 26:32**, “ ‘But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.’”

**Matt. 26:33**, “Peter answered and said to Him, ‘Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.’ ”



**Matt. 26:34, “Jesus said to him, ‘Will you lay down your life for My sake? ‘Assuredly, I say to you that [Mk: today], this night, before the rooster crows [Mk: twice], you will deny three times that you know Me.’ ”**

**Eccl. 7:16, “Do not be overly righteous, nor be overly wise: Why should you destroy yourself?”**

**Rom. 12:3, “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”**

**Matt. 26:35, “Peter said to Him, ‘Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!’ And so said all the disciples.”**

**Matt. 26:41, “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”**

**Eph. 6:18, “praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—”**

**Matt. 26:51, “And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.”**

# Peter's Denials

## The First Denial: Matt. 26:58

**Matt. 26:58, “But Simon Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest’s courtyard.” “And so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest.”**



**Luke 22:55, “Now when the guards had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together.”**

**John 18:18, “Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself.”**

**Matt. 26:69, “Now Peter sat outside [Mark: below] in the courtyard. And a servant girl [Mark: of the high priest] came to him, saying, ‘You also were with Jesus of Galilee. [Mark: of Nazareth]’ ”**

**Matt. 26:70, “But he denied it before them all, saying, ‘I do not know what you are saying.’ ”**

**Mark 14:68, “But he denied it, saying, ‘I neither know nor understand what you are saying.’ And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed.”**

## **Second Denial**

**Matt. 26:71, “And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, ‘This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth.’”**

**Matt. 26:72, “But again he denied with an oath, ‘I do not know the Man!’ ”**

## **Third Denial**

**Matt. 26:73, “And a little later after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed those who stood by came up and said to Peter, ‘Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it.’ ...**

**Matt. 26:74, “Then he began to curse and swear, saying, ‘I do not know the Man of whom you speak!’ Immediately a rooster crowed.”**

**Mark 14:72, “A second time the rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, ‘Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.’ And when he thought about it, he wept.”**

**Luke 22:61, “And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.”**

**Matt. 26:75, “And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, ‘Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.’ So he went out and wept bitterly.”**

**Eph. 1:7, “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace”**

**Col. 1:14, “in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”**