



Luke 22:47-71 – **The breakdown:** Judas betrays Jesus, Jesus is arrested, Peter denies Jesus, Jesus stands before the Council and Jesus is mocked and beaten.

Matthew 10:1-2 – Peter is called by Jesus! What a day for him!

- Notice he is mentioned first...Simon Peter! He is picked the Chief Leader of the 12!
- Peter's life is summed up in one word...HOPE!

And so it begins...Jesus is arrested in the garden!

- **Peter pulls his sword out**...cuts off the ear of a man! He is passionate...but not totally faithful yet!
- He follows at a distance, goes to the courtyard and warms himself by a fire where they have taken Jesus.
- Peter is accused of being a follower of Jesus! He denies it 3 x's!
- **Luke 22:61** is the crushing moment of his sin! (We'll get back to this in a bit...)

1. Hope! Romans 5:3-6

- **Hope is the key!** It was for Peter!
- See, after you fail Jesus, if you don't have HOPE, you will cut yourself off and isolate yourself...just look at Judas!
- **What was the difference between Peter and Judas?**
- What was the difference between Peter and Judas since they both failed Jesus?

- **Peter repented! Repentance** = breaking total ties with the sin! *Being truly sorry!*
- **Judas had remorse! Remorse** = *just feeling sorry and guilty!*

2. Taking a closer look at Simon Peter's life...

- Jesus warned Peter about Satan – Luke 22:31-34 (Last Sunday Tyler hit on this)
- Peter denies Jesus 3 x's – Luke 22:54-61
- Luke 22:55 – You can't warm yourself by the enemies fire and not get burned!
- **Question** – "Was this it for Peter then?"
- **Absolutely not! Luke 22:62 Peter wept bitterly!** (The deepest soul cry a human can have)
- That true weeping was the open door to Peter grabbing ahold of HOPE!
- Luke 22:63 – Jesus is mocked and beat! Look at what He has been through already!
- Luke 22:67 – There will be people who will never believe because they choose not too!
- Romans 1 talks about people being given over to their sin that they choose and becoming reprobate! 100% lost and no chance of being saved! They have chosen their life!
- **FACT** - Jesus sees a true heart of repentance and hope! Mark 16:6-7 – "**Go...tell Peter...**"

3. What you do right after you fail Jesus is the KEY!

- Here is the FIRST KEY...have a heart to not hurt Jesus! We must choose every single day to honor Him! 1 Corinthians 10:31
- But, there will be a time or moment when you do sin! No one is perfect!
- See, Peter did the right thing...he repented right after he failed! (He was *truly sorry*)!
- Micah chapter 7 is entitled "Misery Turned to Hope!" Micah 7:8
- HOPE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! HOPE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Judas on the other hand just had remorse (He just *felt sorry*) – Matthew 27:1-5
- **The difference?** Peter was saved...Judas went to Hell! Acts 1:25
- "**The CALL is HIGHER than the FALL!**" *only if you repent!* Repentance brings HOPE!

Closing:

- Acts 2:14 – **Peter** never gave up on this HOPE! He stepped forward and began to lead!
- Acts 2:36 – **Peter** failed Jesus! He tells the crowd that EVERYONE has failed Jesus and crucified Him! Repent!
- Romans 3:23 – "Everyone has sinned! We ALL fall short of God's glorious standard! (We ALL crucified Jesus!)"
- Romans 6:23 – Spiritual and physical death is the penalty for eternity! But...JESUS!
- Acts 2:37-38 – **Peter's** words pierced their hearts! Each of you must repent...
- Acts 2:40 – **Peter** continued preaching for a long time...strongly urging all of his listeners...SAVE yourselves from this crooked generation!

**Do you see what Jesus did for Peter? Jesus gave him HOPE!

**Can you see what Jesus has done for you? Jesus has offered you HOPE today!

**Will you grab ahold of HOPE today like Peter did?

Hebrews 10:23 – "Let us hold tightly without wavering to the HOPE we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise!"