

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial—[Mark 14:27–31](#)

Topics:

Death, Denial, Determination, Faith, Fear, Forsake, Prophecy, Rejection

Open It

1. What is one fact about the future you wish you knew?
2. What is one part of your past you wish you could do over?
3. *What is one institution, person, or organization to which you have felt loyal over the years? Why?

Explore It

1. *What did Jesus reveal to His disciples? ([14:27](#))
2. How would Jesus' prediction fulfill Scripture? ([14:27](#))
3. What did Jesus quote? Why? ([14:27](#))
4. To what "shepherd" and "sheep" did Jesus refer? Why? ([14:27](#))
5. What information did Jesus give the disciples? ([14:28](#))
6. *How did Peter respond to Christ's words? ([14:29](#))

7. What was Peter's state of mind when Jesus predicted that the disciples would betray Him? ([14:29](#))
8. *What did Jesus say about Peter's loyalty? ([14:30](#))
9. What was the reaction when Jesus said that Peter would disown Him? ([14:31](#))
10. What did Peter claim? ([14:31](#))
11. What do the disciples' reactions tell us about them? ([14:31](#))

Get It

1. What does the verse that Jesus quoted mean: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered"?
2. Why do you think Jesus sometimes chose to reveal to His disciples what would happen in the future and at other times left them in the dark?
3. Why do you think Jesus told Peter that he was not as faithful a friend as he assumed?
4. What is the benefit in knowing we are vulnerable to failure?
5. Why do you think Peter boasted of his loyalty to Christ?
6. In what ways do Christians declare their loyalty to Christ?

7. Why do some Christians fall away from following Christ?
8. *What specific area of your life most tests your loyalty to Christ?
9. What can we do to strengthen our commitment to Christ?
10. *What exactly can we do to stay committed to Jesus in the face of testing or suffering?
11. What role does accountability play in helping Christians remain loyal to Christ?
12. How should you react if another believer falls away from his or her faith?
13. What difference does it make that all of Jesus' predictions about the future came true?
14. What can we learn from this passage about Jesus' character and attitude?

Apply It

1. In what way can you show your dependence on God for the strength to follow Christ?
2. *What can you do over the next week to renew and strengthen your faith in Christ?