

INTRODUCTION

- * In our study of Matthew's account of the earthly life of the Messiah, we began two weeks ago focusing on the final phase of the book – The Sacrifice of the Messiah.
- * Our section today continues immediately following the Commemoration that He established in the Upper Room – and which we considered last week. Singing was part of the Passover celebration. So, they concluded their Seder with a hymn and then began to travel to the Mount of Olives ... specifically, to a garden that Jesus frequented often – to pray.
- * Along the way, Jesus made a provocative statement to His disciples.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE R _____ OF THE MESSIAH (v. 30-35)****A. His D _____ (v. 31-32,34)**

1. REGARDING ALL OF THE DISCIPLES (v. 31)
2. REGARDING PETER (v. 34)

B. Their D _____ (v. 33,35)**II. THE R _____ OF THE MESSIAH (v. 36-44)****A. To the D _____ (v. 36-38,40-41,43-44)****B. To the F _____ (v. 39,42,44)****III. THE R _____ OF THE MESSIAH (v. 47-58,69-75)****A. The D _____ of Judas (v. 47-50)**

1. HE G _____ (cf. Mt 2:10; 5:12; 18:13; Mark 14:11)
2. HE B _____

B. The D _____ of the Group (v. 51-56)

1. THE R _____ OF PETER
2. THE R _____ OF JESUS (v. 52-56)
 - a. His Reprimand of Peter (v. 52-54)
 - b. His Reproach of the Priests (v. 55-56)
3. THE R _____ OF THE DISCIPLES (v. 56)

C. The D _____ of Peter (v. 57-58, 69-75)

1. HIS F _____ (v. 57-58)
2. HIS F _____ (v. 69-75)

INTROSPECTION

- * HOW MUCH FORTITUDE AND DETERMINATION DO YOU HAVE?
- * HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU SPEND IN PRAYER?
ARE YOU WILLING TO COMMIT TO SPENDING AT LEAST 15 MINUTES A DAY IN COMMUNION WITH YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER?
- * WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO STRENGTHEN YOUR RESOLVE?
HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU SPEND IN SCRIPTURE MEMORY?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND THEREFORE ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * How can we encourage one another to grow in the spiritual disciplines of prayer and memorization?