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# THE CRUCIFIXION, Part 2

## *Christ's Sacrifice, Our Salvation*

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### Lesson #1

## JESUS DENIED AND ACCUSED

**Scripture to be studied:** Matthew 26:57-75; Mark 14:53-72; Luke 22:54-71; John 18:12-27.

**The aim of the lesson:** To show that though Christians may determine to do right, sometimes they fail.

**What your students should know:** Jesus loves them even if they do wrong. He is willing to forgive them if they confess their sin.

**What your students should feel:** The need of forgiveness when they sin.

**What your students should do:** Ask the Lord Jesus to forgive their sin. Tell Him they love Him.

**Lesson outline (for the teacher's and students' notebooks):**

1. The disciples forsake Jesus (John 18:12-24).
2. Jesus is taken to the rulers and falsely accused (Matthew 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65).
3. Peter denies Christ three times (Matthew 26:69-74; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-60; John 18:25-27).
4. The Lord Jesus continues to love Peter (Matthew 26:75; Mark 14:72; Luke 22:61-62).

**The verse to be memorized:**

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)*

### THE LESSON

#### 1. THE DISCIPLES FORSAKE JESUS

**John 18:12-24**

Peter was running! James and John were running! Nathanael and the other disciples were running! They were running from the Garden of Gethsemane, leaving Jesus alone with the soldiers who had bound Him. Peter and his companions were afraid. What awful things would happen next?

Only a few hours before Peter had promised Jesus, "I will never desert You, even if all the others run away. I will lay down my life for You. I will not deny You." Yet at this very moment Peter was deserting Jesus. He was running away. How could he

### NOTE TO THE TEACHER

Again (as in the previous volume) we see certain prophetic Scriptures fulfilled in the events leading up to and including the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. In this first lesson:

The disciples of Christ forsake Him (Zechariah 13:7).

Peter, one of His closest disciples, denies Christ three times as prophesied by the Lord Himself (Matthew 26:34; Mark 14:30; Luke 22:34; John 13:38).

Jesus remains silent when the witnesses lie about Him (Isaiah 53:7).

His enemies hit Him and spit on Him (Isaiah 50:6).

According to the plan of God, the Lord Jesus was to die for the sin of the world. Nothing could keep Him from accomplishing this purpose.

You will want to stress this truth: it is possible for a believer to determine to do what is right (as Peter had done), and to fail (as Peter did). As the Lord Jesus prayed for Peter, so He prays for us: that our faith will not fail; that if we sin, we will return to Him (Luke 22:31-32).

have forgotten his promise so quickly? How could he and the other disciples leave Jesus alone in the hands of His enemies?

Troubled thoughts were filling Peter's mind: *Where will they take Jesus? What will they do to Him? Surely Jesus understands that if I had stayed with Him I would have been captured, too.* Peter knew he should not be running away. Suddenly he stopped. He determined to return and follow Jesus—but at a safe distance.

Another disciple, John, decided to turn back with Peter. Through the dark night they followed the mob as they led Jesus from the garden. They took Him to Annas who was waiting. (Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas the high priest, had once been the high priest, so he still held some authority.) It was to Annas that the officers first led Jesus.

John, who knew Annas, entered the courtyard with the officers. But Peter had to wait outside until John convinced a