

Reminder...

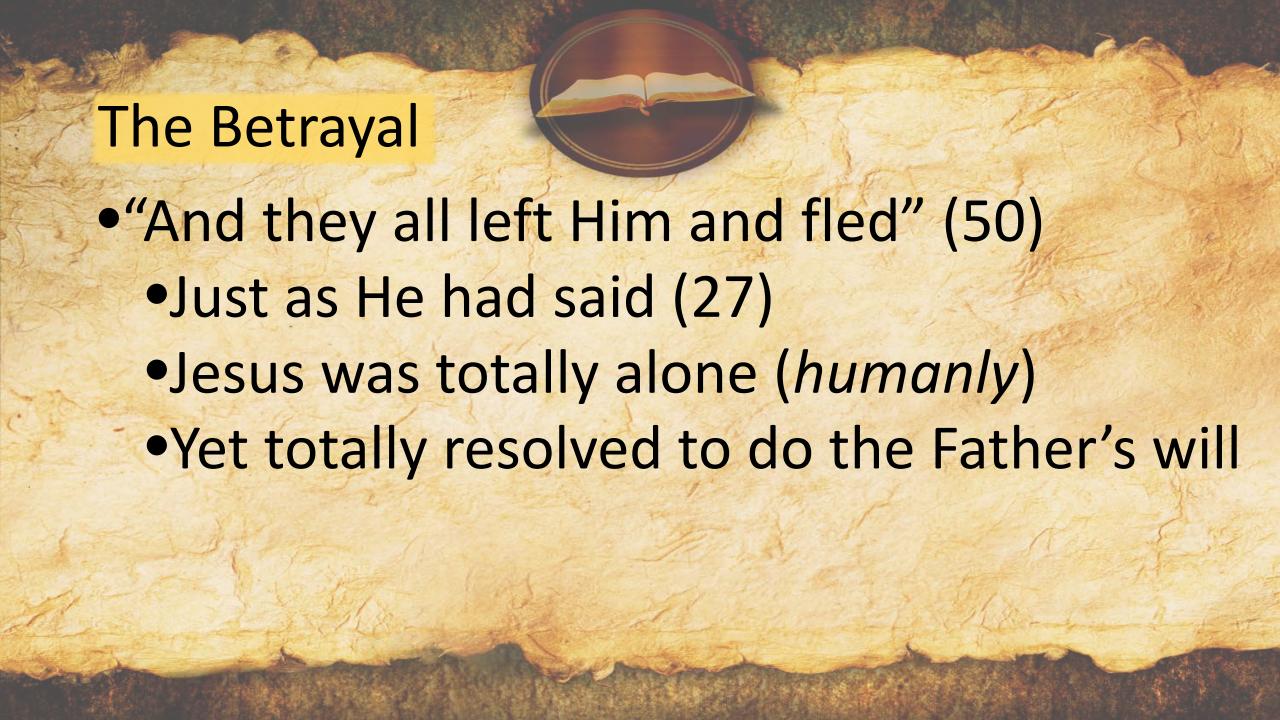
- We can gain a much fuller picture from putting all four gospel accounts together
- However, each writer has a purpose in how he tells the story
- Mark (Peter) was very selective in what he included and left out

The Betrayal

- •Jesus saw Judas coming (41-42)
- Judas led a substantial group (43)
 - •Their signal: a kiss on the hand (44)
 - •Fervent show of affection (45)
 - Their fear: a fight or riot
 - Night; swords & clubs; "...under guard"

The Betrayal

- •When they laid hands on Jesus, Peter sprung into action (46-47; John 18:10)
 - •Love and zeal!
 - •Either he had really good aim, or...
- Jesus confronted their cowardice (48-49)
 - •"a robber?" (cf. Isa. 53:12)



The Betrayal

- •What about 51-52?
 - •Was this young man Mark?
 - •Was the *upper room* at his mother's house? (cf. Acts 12:12)
 - •Did Judas lead the mob there first?
 - •Mark woke up and ran out after?



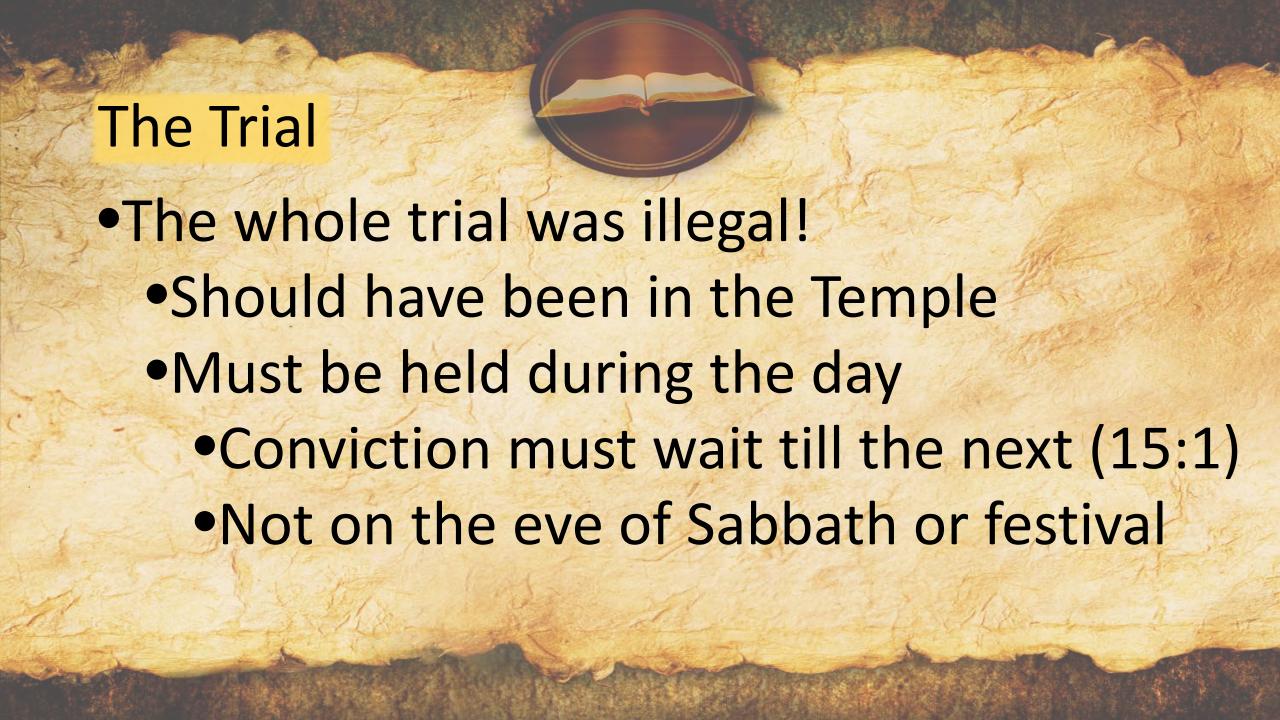
- •What about 51-52?
 - •Was this young man Mark?
 - •Why include this?
 - •"I was there!"
 - Or, Peter poking fun?
- The bottom line: everyone left Him

So What?

- •Have you ever been betrayed?
 - •"Love your enemies" (Matt. 5:43-48)
 - "Do good to those who hate you" (Luke 6:27-36)
 - •No paybacks (Rom. 12:14-21)
 - •Trust God (1 Pet. 2:21-25)

- They led Jesus away to the high priest (53)
 - Caiaphas, son-in-law of Annas
 - Questioned by Annas first (John 18:13)
- •The Sanhedrin met at Caiaphas' house
 - Well after midnight
- Peter followed (54)

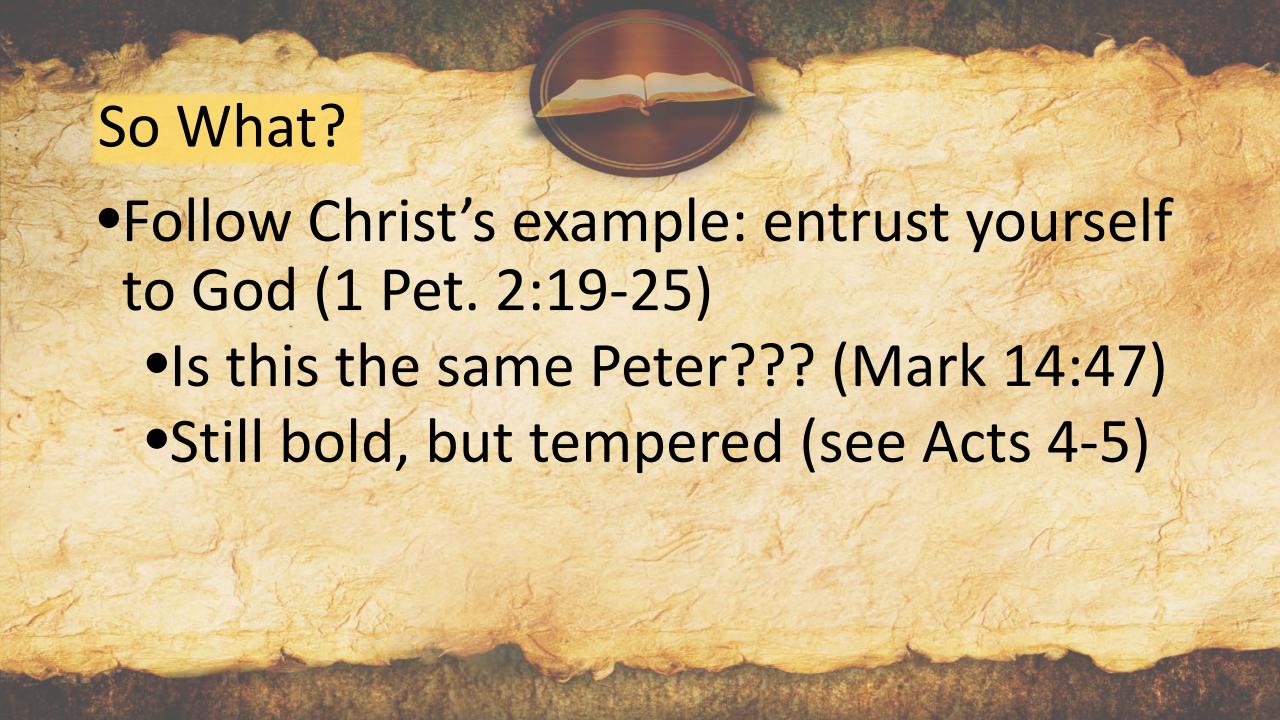
- •The whole trial was illegal!
 - Verdict was decided before the trial
 - •Trial before charges? (55)
 - May not begin with reasons for conviction
 - All cannot argue for conviction
 - Prepared, false, inconsistent testimony

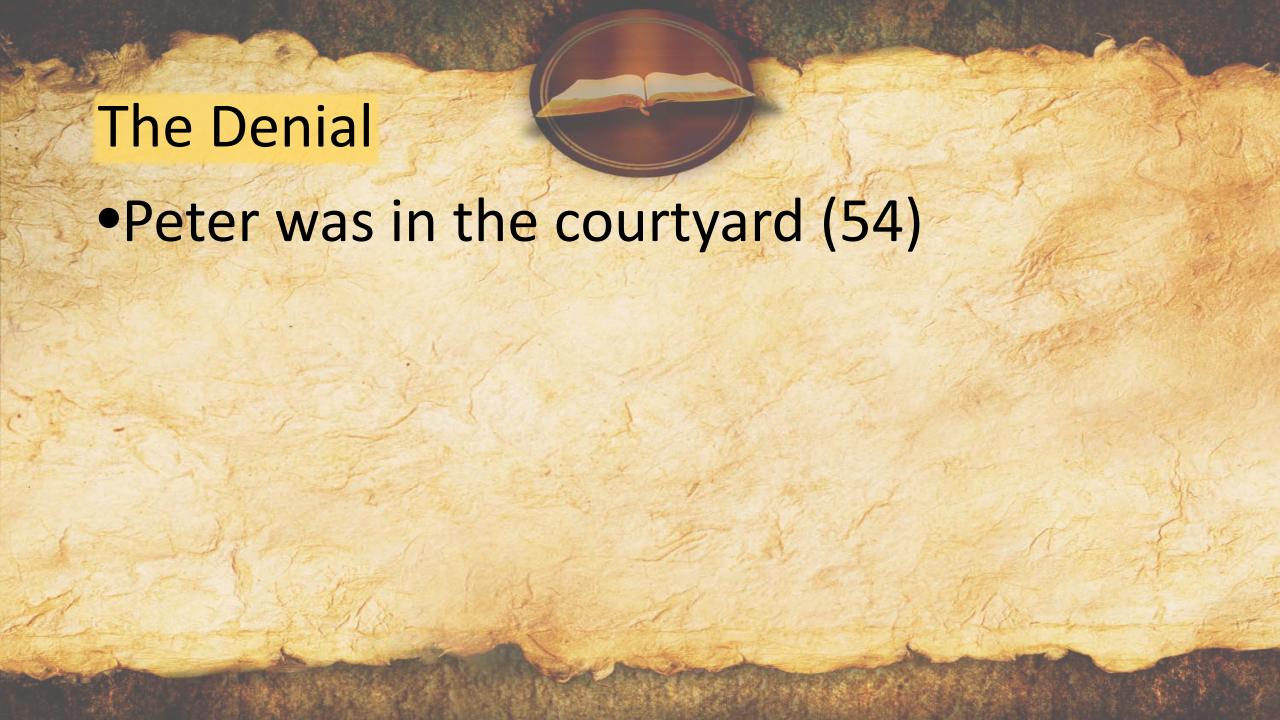


- •"We heard Him say..." (58)
 - •No record He said that (see John 2:19)
- "Do You not answer?" (60)
 - •Why legitimize inconsistent lies? (61)
 - Silence cannot be used against you
 - •See Isa. 53:7; Ps. 38:13-14

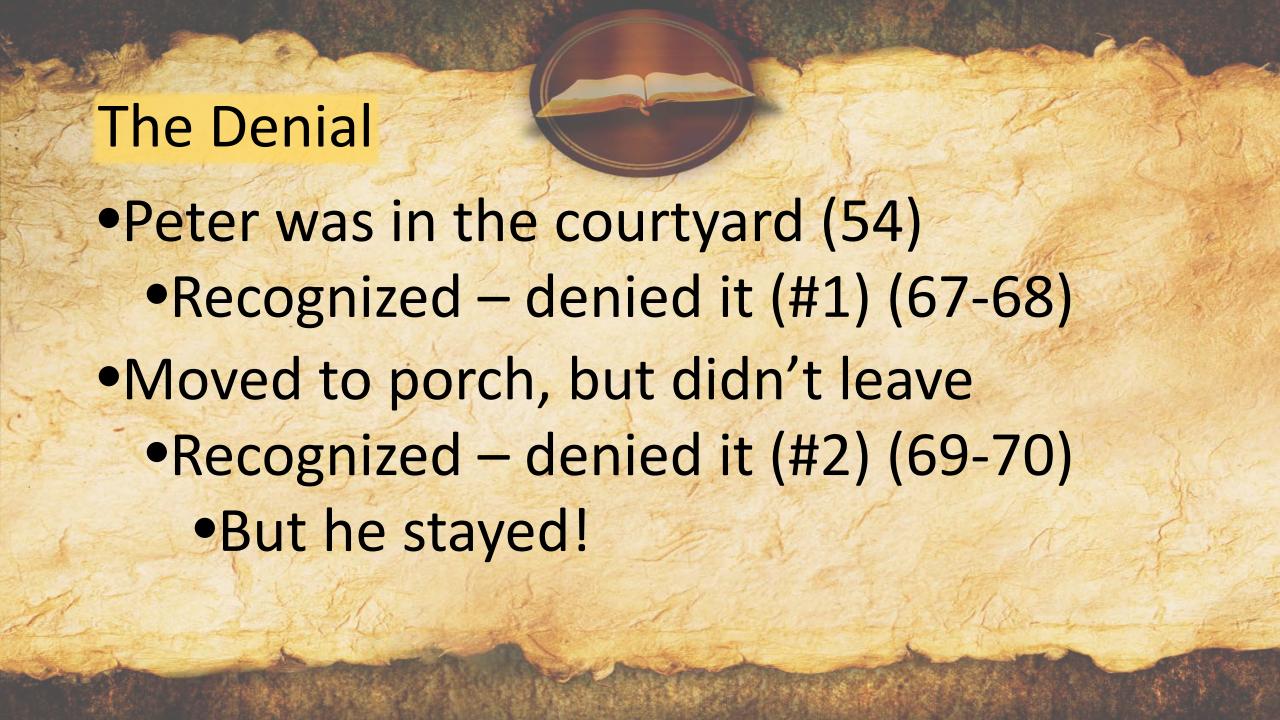
- "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" (61) [under oath - Matt 26:63]
 - •The Christ (Messiah) could be a man
 - •But Son of God -> deity (John 10:31-39)
- •"I AM" (Ex. 3:14; John 8:58)
 - •Ps. 110:1; Dan. 7:13 (power & judgment)

- •His claim was either true or false
 - They had already decided it was false
 - No further investigation or witnesses (63)
 - •Lazarus? Peter & John?
- •Then they mocked and beat Him (65)
 - •lsa. 50:6; 1 Pet. 2:21-25









The Denial

- •Still out on porch?
 - Accused denied it (#3) (70)
 - Called down curses & swore oaths (71)
 - •"I do not know this man..."
- Peter remembered (see 29-31) and wept uncontrollably (72)

The Denial

- •What drove Peter to deny Jesus?
 - •Cowardice?
 - He was willing to die for Jesus (31)
 - Took on the mob single-handedly (47)
 - •Fear?
 - •He followed, and stayed (54, 66-71)

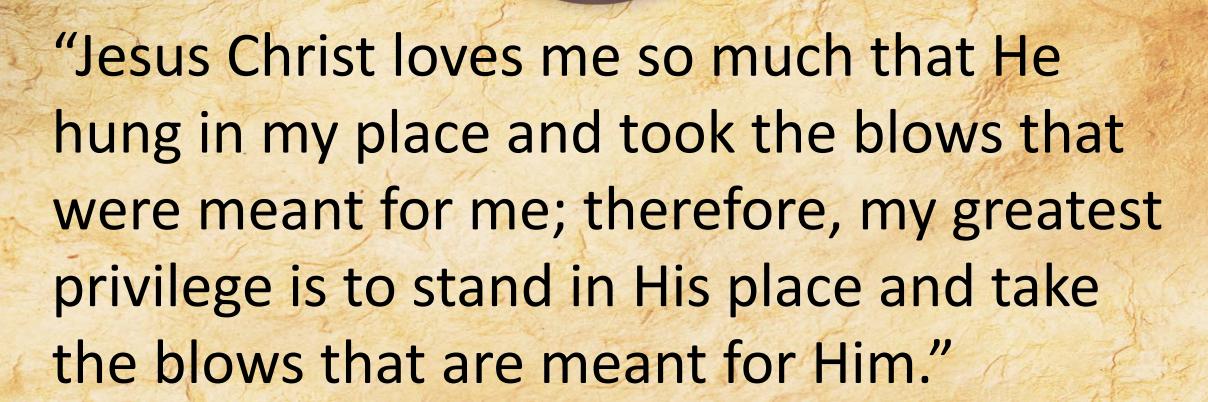
The Denial

- •What drove Peter to deny Jesus?
 - •Crisis? (8:27-38 pivot point)
 - Peter knew Jesus was the Messiah
 - But Jesus wasn't following the plan!
 - Restoration focused on Peter following regardless (John 21:15-23; *Mark 8:34)

So What?

- •Am I ashamed of knowing Jesus?
 - •Ever deny Him overtly?
 - •Ever deny Him covertly?
- •Am I willing to die with Jesus? (31)
 - Deny take up cross follow (8:34-38)
 - •Willing to suffer? (Heb. 10:32-39; 1 Peter)

So What?



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