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Mark 14:66-15:20

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## *“Denial and Delivery”*

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*“The King and His Cross”*

### **Mark 14:66-72**

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<sup>6</sup> Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup> And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup> And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup> And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” <sup>10</sup> For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had **delivered** him up. <sup>11</sup> But the

chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup> And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup> And they cried out again, "Crucify Him." <sup>14</sup> And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify Him." <sup>15</sup> So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he **delivered** Him to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup> And the soldiers **led Him away** inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup> And they clothed Him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on Him. <sup>18</sup> And they began to salute Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup> And they were striking His head with a reed and spitting on Him and kneeling down in homage to Him. <sup>20</sup> And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the purple cloak and put His own clothes on Him. And **they led Him out** to crucify Him."

### **INTRODUCTION: "The Primacy of Peter"**

**Luke 5:8**, "...when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

**Matthew 16:16**, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

**Matthew 16:22**, "Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord! This shall never happen to You

**Matthew 14:28**, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to you on the water."

**Matthew 14:30**, "when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me

**John 6:67-68**, "So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

**John 13:8**, "Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with Me."

**John 13:9**, "Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

**Mark 14:29-31**, "Peter said to Him, "Even though they all fall away, **I will not.**" <sup>30</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." <sup>31</sup> But he said emphatically, "If I must die with You, **I will not deny You.**"

**Luke 22:33**, "Lord, I am ready to go with You both to prison and to death."

## 14:66-72: PETER'S \_\_\_\_\_ 1

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**Luke 22:56-57**, *“Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, “This man also was with him.”<sup>57</sup> But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.”*

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**Mark 14:24**, “This is My blood of the covenant, which is **poured out for many**.”

**Luke 22:20**, “This cup that is **poured out for you** is the new covenant in My blood.”

**Luke 22:31-32**, “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, <sup>32</sup> but **I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.**”

**1 John 1:9; 2:1-2**, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful **and just** to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ... <sup>1</sup> But if anyone does sin, we have an **advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup> He is the **propitiation** for our sins...”

**Romans 8:33-34**, “Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, **who indeed is interceding for us.**”