

REDISCOVER JESUS, PART 82: “THE LORD STILL TURNS TOWARD US”
LUKE 22:54-62
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Even when we turn away from the Lord, he still turns toward us.

I. Peter followed the Lord at a distance (vv. 54-55)

⁵⁴ Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them.

II. Peter denied any connection with the Lord (vv. 56-60)

⁵⁶ Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, “This man also was with him.” ⁵⁷ But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” ⁵⁸ And a little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not.” ⁵⁹ And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, “Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean.” ⁶⁰ But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

Lessons from Peter:

1. We must either deny self or deny Christ.
2. You may be a very sincere, godly, devoted believer, but whose sinful nature is still very strong.
3. We must prepare ourselves not to enter into temptation.

III. The Lord still turned toward Peter (vv. 61-62)

⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.” ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly.

Lessons from Jesus:

1. Your own love for Jesus is never going to carry you in the Christian life, but you must be driven by his love for you.
2. Genuine repentance is always evidenced by a life of increasing obedience.
3. We're called to strengthen one another in our faith and followership of Christ.