



Likewise Said All Of The Disciples

Matt. 26: 31 Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. 32 But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. 33 Peter answered and said unto him, Though all *men* shall be offended because of thee, *yet* will I never be offended. 34 Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. 35 Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

We have the story of Jesus speaking to his disciples and telling them that they would be offended because of him. The reason given was because of something that had already been written. Note the message “: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.”

Immediately Peter spoke up and said that he would not be offended because of Jesus. We find Jesus already knew what would happen because of what would transpire in the next few hours.

Jesus said all would be offended and all said that they would not deny him. Note verse 35. “Likewise also said all the disciples”.

We have in the picture all these disciples that loved Jesus and was willing to do whatever it took to live for Him. These are the guys who just had communion with Jesus. The ones whose feet he had also just washed.

Jeremiah 17: 9 The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it? 10 I the LORD search the heart, *I* try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, *and* according to the fruit of his doings.

We as human beings do not know our own heart. Only God knows the heart. There are times we do things and then wonder why we did it. Many times we want to do what is right but when the time comes for us to do it, we find ourselves in the failure mode.

Let us look at Israel. They were looking for the Messiah. They had long awaited his coming. They had prayed for it, they had yearned for it. They thought they had it all figured out and would recognize Him when He came. He came in a way that they had not expected Him too. He came as a babe born of a virgin. Israel was looking for a King to come in all the glory and splendor of one. But, you see He came as one that was very humble. He was born in a manger.

Because of the way He came, they missed Him and also denied him.

John 1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. 9 *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

He was in the world and the world. It was the world that He had made. We find that they didn't know the one that was among them. Because of their nature, they denied Him. They thought they had it all together. Because of the way He

came, they rejected him.

Those that did receive him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God. It was to those that would believe on His name.

Many yet miss the Lord when He comes to where they are. There will be some here today that will deny the Lord. What I mean by this is that Jesus will come to you in a way that you will not accept and you will miss him. How many times have you been in His presence and you would not accept what he was telling you. We are no different then the disciples. They all denied Jesus.

He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

It is so sad when we have the knowledge of knowing that Jesus went to the cross to make a way that we could go to heaven.

Because we are looking for him in a different way to come to us, we refuse and deny him.

There are some of you here to day that need to be born again. Jesus said it, you need to be born again. John 3.

In order to be born again you will have to repent of your sins. That will require you to change some things. It will require you to give up some of the ways you are living. You will have to give up some of the things you are doing and are involved in. It will require change as well as accepting his truth. As He speaks to your heart now, you are bracing yourself, refusing to come to an altar, and by doing so you are denying him.

Some of your teachings and traditions are causing you to do the same things Israel done. You will have to accept Jesus in the way that He comes to you, and you are uncomfortable with that.

How many times has God dealt with you about your soul? How many times has he spoken to you about your commitment unto Him? You simply pushed it to the side and would not deal with it. When you done that, you denied him one more time.

How many times has God dealt with you about your unfaithfulness to the house of God, or being unfaithful in other areas of your life? You know exactly what you have refused when He spoke to you.

How many times has God spoken to you about water baptism into His name? Have you denied Him? Did you push that feeling to the side? Have you denied Him again?

You that do not have the Holy Ghost and know you need it, you that need to be re-filled, how many times will you deny the Lord? You and I both know that he has dealt with you on more then one occasion.

You are allowing your flesh and the enemy to cause you to deny your only hope.

Peter almost went too far. In his overly confident manner, thinking he could do it all by himself almost didn't make it back to safety.

We find him in the garden with Jesus in a sleepy state of stupor. He could not pray. Jesus told him to watch and pray that he would not enter into temptation. He told him that the spirit was willing but the flesh was weak. (This happened at least twice on the same night)

They come to arrest Jesus. Overly confident bold Peter takes his sword out, smites a man and cuts off his ear.

This is the guy who said that he would never deny Jesus.

A short time later notice what the scripture has to say:

Matt. 26: 69Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. 70But he denied before *them* all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. 71And when he was gone out into the porch, another *maid* saw him, and said unto them that were there, This *fellow* was also with Jesus of Nazareth. 72And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man. 73And after a while came unto *him* they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art *one* of them; for thy speech betrayeth thee. 74Then began he to curse and to swear, *saying*, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. 75And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

When the pressure is on, how many times has the enemy convinced you to deny the Lord?

What has the enemy convinced you with to cause you to deny the Lord? Has he told you to wait and that you have plenty of time? Has he told you this morning that you don't need to change anything? Has he convinced you that everything is ok the way it is? You know better within yourself. Jesus has been dealing with you about certain things and you keep refusing?

Will you crucify him afresh by your denial? Israel denied and nailed him to a cross. I'll never do that. Are you sure?

"Likewise said all the disciples." Matt. 26:35