



How could those closest to Jesus fail Him at the hour of His greatest need? What weakened them to the point of denial and betrayal? Could the same thing happen to me?

B.L.U.F. (Bottom Line Up Front): *Trials will strengthen the real & destroy the phoney.*

1 Peter 1:7; James 1:3-4

1. Peter's D _____ – Failure of the R _____ Luke 22:55-62

In the *High Priest's Palace*, while Jesus met with Annas & Caiaphas, Peter wrestled in Satan's sieve. Three episodes of denial, two roosters crowing, one failing man.

What was behind Peter's colossal failure? What set him up for failure? How did he cover before a couple ladies & some servants?

- 1) B _____ Too Loudly 22:32-34
- 2) P _____ Too Little 22:40, 45-46
- 3) S _____ Too Much 22:45-46
- 4) A _____ Too Fast 22:49-51
- 5) F _____ Too Far Back 22:54

2. Judas' B _____ – Failure of the P _____

Matthew 27:3-10; Acts 1:18-19

This failure had no redeeming end. It is the sad failure of a person who listened to Jesus and concluded that He's not worth it.



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It can happen to me too!

“And Jesus said unto him [Peter], Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.” Mark 14:30

Here is a possible summary of these three times of denial that occurred during the night.

1 st Denial	2 nd Denial	3 rd Denial
<p>Peter enters, is beneath in the palace, and goes to patio (hall) by a fire.</p> <p>Questioned by a young lady, high priest’s maid.</p> <p>“Woman, I know Him not.”</p> <p>1st rooster crows.</p>	<p>Peter goes to the porch (gateway leading to street).</p> <p>After a little while Peter questioned by another lady.</p> <p>“I do not know the man.” “Man, I am not.”</p>	<p>An hour later, back on the patio, a group approaches Peter – “you are a Galilean.” Peter curses – “I know not the man.”</p> <p>2nd rooster crows.</p> <p>Jesus & Peter’s eyes lock in a fixed look. Peter leaves weeping.</p>
John 18:15-18		John 18:25-27
Matthew 26:69-70	Matthew 26:71-72	Matthew 26:73-75
Mark 14:66-68	Mark 14:69-70a	Mark 14:70b-72
Luke 22:55-57	Luke 22:58	Luke 22:59-61