

Peter's Denial of Christ Foretold

Mark 14:26-31

Context: After his last Supper, Jesus warns His disciples that they will all fall away as He goes to the cross to die.

As Jesus foretells Peter's denial...

I. _____ the prophecy (vs. 26-27)

- A. In Zechariah 13:7, Zechariah foretold that a fountain bringing cleansing would open through the Messiah ("house of David," Zec 13:1), the land would be cleansed of the unclean spirit, and this would bring people back into fellowship with God (Zec 13:9). But this would all come about through the striking of the shepherd. (Al Mohler)
- B. Jesus makes it clear that it is God who will strike the shepherd so that the servant of the Lord can bear away the sins of many (Mk 14:27; cf. Isa 53:10; Zec 13:7).

II. _____ His plans (vs. 28)

- A. Throughout the Gospel of Mark, Jesus had been telling His disciples of His upcoming death, burial, and resurrection. (Mark 8:31-33, 9:30-32 and 10:32-34).
- B. Jesus now tells them plainly that after His resurrection, He will gather them together again in Galilee. (Mk 14:28; 16:7).

III. _____ His sovereignty (vs. 29-31)

- A. In Jewish reckoning of time, "cock crow" was the third watch of the night, ending at 3:00 a.m., which was when roosters typically began to crow. Peter was only a few hours away from the fulfillment of this prophecy. (John MacArthur)
- B. Jesus knows what Peter will do in the future exactly as it will happen. All of the disciples tell Jesus that they will not fall away, but He has clearly told them that they all will. This passage supports the deity of Christ - who is omniscient of all things.