

# *The Rock Crumbles*

Gospel of Mark Series – Part 47

Scripture text – Mark 14:66-72

## Introduction

- Pliny was a Roman \_\_\_\_\_ in the early 2<sup>nd</sup> century. When interrogating Christians, he gave them \_\_\_\_ opportunities to deny Christ.
- In order to be set free, they were required to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

## Peter's Denial

- The conventional view is that Peter called down curses on \_\_\_\_\_. More likely is that he cursed \_\_\_\_\_, meaning he said the most vile things about him.
- Who's the source of this embarrassing story? None other than \_\_\_\_\_.
- This story is both a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for future followers of Christ.

## A Warning

- Obviously, the story is a warning about the danger of \_\_\_\_\_. We are all capable of \_\_\_\_\_ Christ. All it takes is the right \_\_\_\_\_ at the right \_\_\_\_\_.
- But, Peter had another problem that made his denial \_\_\_\_\_.
- In order to not collapse under pressure, we need to prepare \_\_\_\_\_ pressure by building up our spiritual muscles.
- We do this through our practice of the spiritual \_\_\_\_\_, especially the disciplines of \_\_\_\_\_, the deep study of God's \_\_\_\_\_, and close connection with the \_\_\_\_\_.
- One of Satan's designs with respect to COVID is to \_\_\_\_\_ the church up for \_\_\_\_\_.

## An Encouragement

- The story of Peter's epic failure encourages us in two ways:

1. We're encouraged by the knowledge that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for us, specifically that our faith won't fail under \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We're encouraged by the knowledge that, in the event our faith fails, Jesus will be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ us.

### Conclusion

- It's not uncommon to have been unfaithful to Christ. This may cause you to feel \_\_\_\_\_ and to, almost subconsciously, keep your \_\_\_\_\_ from him.
- If this is the case, allow this story to minister to you. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ you and wants to restore you to full \_\_\_\_\_.