

A crown of thorns made of dry, brown branches with sharp red thorns is positioned in the upper right. A simple wooden cross is visible behind it. A black, textured fabric, possibly a shroud, is draped across the bottom and right side of the image. The background is a textured, brownish-grey surface.

ROAD To the CROSS

The Final
Days of Jesus

Main Point

When we identify as a follower of Christ, we find our identity in Christ



“They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.”



Mark 14:53-54 NIV

Jesus Confirms Identity

- ❑ This is a trap mission
- ❑ None of the accusations match up
- ❑ Finally Jesus confirms who He is



“The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.”



Mark 14:55-56 NIV

“Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.’” Yet even then their testimony did not agree.”



Mark 14:57-59 NIV

“Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”





“I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.” The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. “You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?” They all condemned him as worthy of death. Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, “Prophecy!” And the guards took him and beat him.”

Peter Denies Identity

- ❑ Peter is not in real danger
- ❑ SWEARS he doesn't know Jesus
- ❑ Peter denied being a follower of Christ and denied Christ



“While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him. “You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus,” she said. But he denied it. “I don’t know or understand what you’re talking about,” he said, and went out into the entryway.”



“When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, “This fellow is one of them.” Again he denied it. After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.”



Mark 14:69-70 NIV

“When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, “This fellow is one of them.” Again he denied it. After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean. He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.”



“Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times.” And he broke down and wept.”

Mark 14:72 NIV



Our Identity

- ❑ Who you are and what you're about
- ❑ Takes many forms including being a child of God
 - ❑ See our uniqueness
- ❑ God works through our uniqueness



Closing

- ❑ Think about how you identify yourself
- ❑ Do you ever deny Jesus in word or action
- ❑ Look at how God has made you uniquely

