

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

MORNING MESSAGE

“A Crack in the Rock”

Luke 22:54-62

- I. PETER WATCHED (v.54)
 - A. Jesus was taken (v.54a)
 - B. Peter was trailing (v.54b)
 - 1. John 18:15, “And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest” 2.
 - 2. Matthew 26:58, “But Peter followed afar off unto the high priest’s palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end”
- II. PETER WARMED (v.55)
 - A. Peter was cold (v.55a)
 - B. Peter was compromising (v.55b)
 - 1. Matthew 26:58, “and sat with the servants”
 - 2. Mark 14:55, “he sat with the servants”
 - 3. John 18:18, “And Peter stood with them, and warmed himself”
- III. PETER WILTED (vv.56-60a)
 - A. The first denial (vv.56-57)
 - B. The further denial (v.58)
 - C. The final denial (vv.59-60a)
- IV. PETER WEPT (vv.60b-62)
 - A. Three things happened almost simultaneously
 - 1. The cock crowed (v.60b)
 - 2. The Lord looked (v.61a)
 - 3. The Rock remembered (vv.61b-62)
 - a. “Wept” means to cry aloud
 - b. “Bitterly” means to cry violently

CONCLUSION

- A. Why did Peter fail?
 - 1. He failed to pray
 - 2. He neglected His Bible
 - 3. He trusted in self
 - 4. He kept bad company
- B. Was Peter’s failure final?
 - a. In John 21 he recommitted his life to Jesus
 - b. In Acts 2 he preached on the Day of Pentecost
 - c. 1 & 2 Peter were penned by Simon Peter
 - d. John 21:18, “when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands”