

Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 14, 2010

Text: Luke 2:54-62; 22:31-32; 22:70; Matthew 10:32-33; Philippians 3:12

Message: *What Should I Do With Jesus – DENY HIM?*

TO DENY –

To _____ not to be true;

To _____ (to do or accept something);

To _____ connection with or responsibility for;

To _____

1. We Deny Jesus When We...

- Live the kind of lives that the _____ world live.
- We are hesitant to practice our _____.
- We fail to acknowledge or confess _____ before men.

2. We Deny Jesus When We Do Not Believe...

- That He is true God and true _____ .
- That He was conceived by the _____ and born of the virgin Mary.
- That He suffered and died for our _____ and was raised for our justification.
- That He ascended into _____ .
- That He shall some day come again to judge the living and the _____.

3. Like _____, we can make all the promises and bold assertions that we want. Yet, in spite of them, we end up falling and failing and following at a distance. *This is a reminder that man's words and man's promises are so faithless, that they are only empty words.*

4. Instead of _____ Jesus, We Can in Faith...

- † Use our God given gifts and support His church, missions.
- † **Focus** on the love Jesus has for us and let that love show in our lives.
- † Use our mouths to praise Him and testify to all those around us of our love for Him.
- † **Serve** those at the Impact Center, American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Pregnancy Help Line, Love Inc., or others like Meals on Wheels.

† **Stand** up for Jesus and show, love, respect, and honor to creator and sustainer of our world.

5. **On our own, by our own strength, we can do _____.**
On our own, by our own strength, we can't even keep our good intentions.

† † † **LESSON FROM GOD'S WORD** † † †

Luke 22:54-62; Philippians 3:12; Luke 22:31-32; Luke 22:70; Matthew 10:32-33 taken from the English Standard Version (ESV).

Then they seized him (Jesus) and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. Luke 22:54-62

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Philippians 3:12

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." Luke 22:31-32

So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." Luke 22:70

So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. Matthew 10:32-33

Declare **refuse** **disclaim** **disown** 1. Unbelieving faith Christ
2. Man Spirit sins heaven dead 3. Peter 4. Denying 5. Nothing