

Following Jesus Afar Off  
LUKE 22:54-62

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Intro. **A.** After the Passover Jesus went to the Mt. of Olives to pray.

1. Here He prayed while in great agony.  
ἀγῶνία = "Violent struggle of both mind and body".
2. His disciples were with Him.

**B.** At the close of the prayer He was arrested.

1. Judas betrayed Him with a kiss.
2. Peter defended Him with a sword.

**C.** A band of temple flunkies came to do it.

1. There were the chief priests.
2. The temple guard came.
3. The elders also came.
- vs. 53 4. Jesus called it a "dark hour".

**D.** A part of this dark hour was the behavior of His Apostles.

1. They too would abandon Him.
2. This is a look at only one, Simon Peter.
3. How could all of this happen so quickly?

I. There Are Two Events That Help Us Understand.

**A.** "Peter followed afar off."

- vs. 54
1. No one had followed Jesus more willingly. Andrew had found Simon and introduced him to Jesus saying to Peter, "We have found the Messiah".
  2. Jesus gave him his new name, John 2:42  
"Thou art Simon, the son of Jona; thou shalt be called Cephas".
  3. "afar" = μακρόθεν = "at a distance".

2. Positive identification was made, (7.)  
Vs. 59:3. His speech betrayed him.  
3. Vs. 60:4. Peter denied again.

#### IV. God's Unusual Way Of Reminding Us.

A. Three things must be noted.

- Vs. 33 1. The vow of Peter to Jesus, "I am ready"  
Vs. 34 2. The Reply of Jesus.  
Vs. 60 3. The crowing of the Rooster.  
4. BRO. Walter Lovelady + bridle.

B. Jesus before the Sanhedrin.

- Vs. 61a 1. Jesus heard the rooster crow.  
2. He turned and looked at Peter.

C. Peter remembered the words of Jesus.

- Vs. 61b 1. It is good to remember, It's better  
to act upon good advice.  
2. The word of the Lord has never failed.

D. What did Peter do?

- Vs. 62 1. "wept bitterly" = πικρὸς = "pointed, sharp,  
piercing, painful, cruel".  
2. This has a cleansing effect.

E. What did Peter remember?

1. The elation of having found the Messiah.
2. What it cost him to follow Jesus.
3. The truths he learned from Jesus.
4. The intimacy of the last passover.
5. His foolish vow to Jesus.
6. The Rebuke of Jesus.
7. The advice & warning of Jesus.
8. The cock's crowing.
9. The look of Jesus.