

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – March 19-24
Doing Life Together – Stump Stories pt 10

MONDAY:

KEY VERSE: Luke 22:54

OBSERVATION: Jesus has just been arrested by temple troops in the Garden of Gethsemane and his disciples have fled for their lives. Peter, who cut an ear off the high priest's representative, has violently resisted. The high priest's temple troops have accomplished the arrest and the high priest wants a chance to interrogate the prisoner. The Apostle John, who knows some members of the high priest's family, fills us in on some details: John 18:12b-13

TUESDAY:

KEY VERSE: Luke 22:55

OBSERVATION: There in the high priest's courtyard, surrounded by temple soldiers, Peter sits. The verb in Luke's account is in the imperfect tense, suggesting continued action in the past. Peter is sitting with them for some time. That in itself is a courageous act. If he is recognized as a disciple -- particularly, as the disciple who has drawn blood resisting them in the Garden -- he is likely to be arrested.

WEDNESDAY:

KEY VERSE: Luke 22:56-60

OBSERVATION: Why can relate so easily to Peter? Probably because each of us has in some way been false to our friendship with Christ. His Spirit within us is grieved, when we dissociate with Jesus ... we feel guilty (so long as our conscience is not utterly callused by repeated, flagrant sin), we are ashamed. If the enemy of our soul can't destroy our faith, he tries to destroy fellowship, joy, and hope, so that we live in misery, are ineffective, and are neutralized so far as furthering the Kingdom of God and diminishing Satan's sphere of influence.

THURSDAY:

KEY VERSE: Luke 22:60-61

OBSERVATION: Jesus is visible, turns (Greek strepho), and makes eye contact with Peter. The word translated "looked straight at" (NIV) or "looked upon" (KJV) is the Greek verb emblepo, "to look at something directly and therefore intently, 'look at, gaze on.'" Peter is struck by the knowledge that Jesus knows what he has done. Jesus is aware -- Jesus who has predicted this very lapse. Instantly Peter remembers. The word "remembered" is Greek verb hupomimnesko, "to recollect for oneself, 'remember, think of.' "

FRIDAY:

KEY VERSE: Luke 22:62

OBSERVATION: The word translated "wept" is the common Greek verb klaio, "to cry." Peter weeps intensely. The word "bitterly" is the Greek adverb pikros. The adjective pikros originally meant "pointed, sharp," so the word carries the idea of sharpness, pain, severity.

SATURDAY:

KEY VERSE: Luke 22:54-62

OBSERVATION: Only the love of Jesus for us and our love for Jesus can heal us. A desire not to disappoint him and let him down is stronger than the fear of guilt. This is what the Apostle John meant when he said, "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love" (1 John 4:18).