

# MARK

## CHAPTER 14:66-72

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TITLE:

**"Christ, the Solid Rock"  
Part - II**

THEME:

**Mark 14:61  
"Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed ?"**

Last Time;

We saw the Unlawful Assembly as Jesus was taken to Caiaphas the High Priest.

We saw the Sanhedrin;

The 71 member, assembly of the Jewish Supreme Court called the Sanhedrin. Presiding was Joseph Caiaphas, High Priest. As they were seated in a semi-circle.

According to verses 61-62

*A Two-Part Question*

**Verse 61**

*Are you* The Christ?

*The revealed Messiah*

*Are you* The Son of the Blessed?

*God manifested*

*A One Part Answer*

**Verse 62**

**"I AM"**

**A confession under oath**

It is at that time that we read;

**John 18:13-14**

And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

*If Jesus is being the Solid Rock...*

I.) Christ: The Solid Rock vv. 53-65

*That Peter is being the soiled Rock...*

II.) Peter: The Soiled Rock vv. 66-72

*Earlier, Jesus had said of Peter,*

**Matthew 16:18**

“...I say to you that you are **Peter** [*Petros* / Rock] and on this **rock** [*petra* / truth stated] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Verse 66

Jesus would have been above him and directly across from him

Verse 67

the set up to the first denial Peter sought warmth from the enemies fire.

*Warming GRK To turn the face towards, to lean into.*

**James 4:7**

**Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.**

When you were involved in that sin,

The Holy Spirit would have been above you and directly across from you

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“But I just fell into sin !!!”

The truth is, you stepped into it.

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Verse 68

According to a city ordinance in Jerusalem

No roosters or hens were allowed inside the holy city because they were considered to be unclean because of their droppings.

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*Cock-a-Do-on-You*

Peter stepped right into it (sin)

“I just fell into sin - NOT, you step in to it”

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**James 1:13-15**

Let no one say when he is tempted, ***"I am tempted by God"***; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone with evil. <sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

**Romans 13:12**

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Verse 71-72

*according to verse 66,*

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus looked down at Peter \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 22:61**

And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

Being on the porch, from there, Jesus and Peter were face to face

Peter would have then looked at Jesus for the first time since the arrest.

- *His face now grossly disfigured,*
- His skull exposed in parts,
- His eyes possibly swollen,
- *fragments of hair remain of what once was His beard*

(After His resurrection His friends had a hard recognizing His face because of the scares.)

**Revelation 5:6**

**And I beheld, and, in the midst of the throne  
....stood a Lamb as it had been slain...**

And we know that when Jesus returns to earth

**Zechariah 13:6**

And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

What made one ROCK to stand,  
made the other rock crumble.

Peter was at terrible disadvantage

Because He was one of those guys who:

- \* *Always knew the answer to the question,*
- \* *Always had something to say*
- \* *He was always independent!!!*

**You could see the road sign ahead**

**WATCH OUT  
FOR  
FALLING  
ROCK**

Peter the Rock falls down and becomes  
Simon Putty

## The Steps to Defeat

### Independence

#### #1 Confidence in His flesh

##### Self-Realization 1;1

**"blessed is the man who tooteth his own horn,  
for if he does not. No one else shall"**

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The frog, two duck's and farmer brown's pond  
and how the frog said "I DID, I DID, I DID, I DID"

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#### #2 Prayerlessness of spirit

(Men ought always to pray and not to faint)

#### #3 Following Jesus afar off...

(You cannot be a long distance Christian or a spectator Christian)

#### #4 Warming himself in the wrong camp...

(*In the camp* of the enemy. playing in the world)

#### NOTE the compliments...

√ (V:67) You also were with Jesus

√ (V:69) This is one of them

√ (V:70) Surely you are one of them; for your speech shows it

The Bottom line is... You won't fit in.

If, this morning you are a true believer, and you're warming  
yourself by the enemy's fire...  
eventually, your speech will betray you!

Note;

Verse 72

**"... And when he thought about it, he wept."**

True Repentance that brings about salvation is the owning of your sin!!!  
Self-Justification:

Proverbs 28:13a KJV  
He that covereth his sins shall not prosper:

"Why did you do that???"

- I wasn't nursed as a child
- My third-grade teacher gave me an "F"
- My doctor told me that The reason why I cheat on my wife / husband is because I was abused as a child.

Leviticus 5:5  
And it shall be, (when) he is guilty in any of these matters, that he shall (confess) that he has  
sinned in that thing;

*When*      *HEB kiy (kee)*  
at that time, while in motion, now.

*Confess*    *HEB*  
to throw (a stone, an arrow) at or away from yourself; (to wring the hands)

**Psalms 51:1-4**

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup> ***For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.*** <sup>4</sup> ***Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight--*** that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.

## The Steps to Victory

### Dependence

Jesus submitted Himself to the Father. His confidence was in the power of God the Father, to see Him through.

**2 Corinthians 12:9**

"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Most gladly Therefore will I rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**1 Corinthians 1:27-28 NIV**

But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things-- and the things that are not-- to nullify the things that are,

Someone asked Hudson Taylor;

"How is it that the God of heaven could have used you?"

*"He trains others to be quiet enough, and some to be still enough, and some, small enough. But me he uses because I am weak enough."*

Vance Havner said;

*" The Lord had the strength, and I had the weakness,  
so we decided to team up together!"*

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## I This week we were in Russia I

*and to see God answering prayers, opening doors, and changing hearts  
Is Humbling!!!*

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**2 Corinthians 4:7**

**But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.**

**Revelation 3:8 KJV**

I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

There's a lot of talk in the WORLD these days about "denial"

There's a lot of talk in the CHURCH these days about  
"confession"

\* Concerning her marriage... "she's in denial"

\* Concerning an illness... "don't confess it brother"

**"Denial can only be in effect  
when a truth is being rejected"**

Many are in denial about the reality of God.  
That He's Real, Personal and Obvious!

**Psalms 14:1a**

**The (fool) has (said) (in his heart), "There is no God."**

*Said*

*GRK*

*'amar (aw-mar')*

*a primitive root; to say, to preach*

*to declare, demand, desire.*

**Within man is that moral response toward God.**

**Man must deal with that** internal struggle.

**His intellect knows** there is a God,  
**the evidence is undeniable.**



# But to acknowledge that truth is to acknowledge one greater than one's self... and that's the problem!

## Psalm 19:1-4

The heavens **declare** the glory of God; and the firmament **shows** His handiwork. <sup>2</sup> Day unto day they utter **speech**, and night unto night **reveals knowledge**. <sup>3</sup> There is no **speech** nor **language** where their **voice is not heard**. <sup>4</sup> Their **line** has gone out through all the earth, and their **words** to the end of the world.

## How do we reconcile the truth before us?

Peter had earlier announced;

“thou art the Christ - the Son of the living God

*to*

“I do not know this man of whom you speak”

Jesus said;

## Matthew 10:32-33

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whosoever shall **deny** me before men, him will I also **deny** before my Father which is in heaven.

Jesus also said

## Matthew 12:31-32

“ **every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men**, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. :32 "Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

(Q: What is the Holy Spirit saying... ?)

# The Rejecters

1 Corinthians 10:11-12

Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

Jude 1:24 KJV

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling,  
and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

1 Peter 1:5a

We who are kept by the power of God through faith...

If you are Backslidden this morning, *the fact of the matter is you are looking for a way back to God.*

If you are an Apostate believer, *the fact is you often justifying yourself, clearing your own name, blaming it on the other guy.*

Remember the old saying;

“If you arrested for being a Christian, would they find enough evidence to convict you?”