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Transforming Daily
“... you will deny me ...”
Mark 14:30

Peter often gets a bad rap for denying Christ just before His crucifixion, but the story includes more people than just him. Of course Judas is the one who betrayed Christ to the high priests and Roman government as Scripture foretold (Psalm 41:9). But what about the other disciples, then? And what about His disciples now?

How about at the Lord's Supper when Jesus told the disciples that one of them was going to betray Him. To a man, all of them asked, "Lord, is it I?" What about praying in the garden with Jesus, in relationship to the crucifixion, the leaders of the disciples couldn't stay awake? What about John Mark, he ran away from the event so fast that he left his loin cloth and streaked naked through the people. "Doubting Thomas" was after the fact of the crucifixion, but nonetheless a denier. Finally, what about the remaining disciples? "Then they all forsook Him and fled" (Mark 14:50). Talk about denial.

How about you? Have you ever denied Christ? I have. Sadly, I'm sure I'll do it again in the future. Even if you say you haven't denied our Lord, you need to understand that (whether you accept it or not) you are capable of denying Him. I'm not talking about leaving your faith or losing your salvation (in Christ, you are eternally secure; you cannot lose your salvation), I'm talking about our choices contrary to Scripture. How is your lifestyle, does it measure up to the Word of God?

Happily, Jesus restores Peter to right fellowship with Him before he ascended to the Father (John 21:15-17). It is a lesson for all of Christ's disciples to learn that no matter how zealous one seems to be for the Lord they are not exempt from the Master's convicting charge, "you will deny Me."