

**An Honest Heart  
recognizes its own  
humanity.**

Matthew 26

- **Matt 26:31-35**

- 31 Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: "'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'
- 32 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."
- 33 Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."
- 34 "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."
- 35 But Peter declared, **"Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you."** And all the other disciples said the same.

- 69 Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said.
- 70 But he denied it before them all. **"I don't know what you're talking about,"** he said.
- 71 Then he went out to the gateway, where another girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."
- 72 He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!"
- 73 After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away."
- 74 Then he began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed.
- 75 Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

- **Rom 2:1-4**

- 1 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.
- 2 Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth.
- 3 So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment?
- 4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance?

- Conclusion: An Honest heart recognizes their own humanity.
- Peter was human yet God used him
- Recognizing our own humanity helps us love and forgive others.