

Station 2: Jesus is Deserted by His Friends

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[0 : 00] Station 2. Jesus is deserted. When Jesus finished praying in the garden, a band of soldiers came to arrest him.

! They were led by one of Jesus' closest followers, who had betrayed Jesus to the Jewish leaders for money. When the soldiers seized Jesus, all his other followers deserted him and ran away. The only one left was Peter. As Jesus was taken to a fake trial by the Jewish leaders, Peter followed at a distance and entered the courtyard. Yet even Peter failed in his commitment to Jesus. In Luke 22, verses 55-62, we read this. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them.

Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, This man also was with him. But he denied it, saying, Woman, I do not know him.

[1 : 18] And a little later, someone else saw him and said, You also are one of them. But Peter said, Man, I am not.

And after an interval of about an hour, still another insisted, saying, Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean.

But Peter said, Man, I do not know what you are talking about. And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed.

And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.

And he went out and wept bitterly. In front of you is a curtain. Peek through it. You see Jesus, deserted, being taken.

[2 : 19] Notice the others hiding and looking from a distance. Consider how you care more about yourself than about Jesus. When he asks you to stand up for him, you hide and make excuses.

Take a moment to think of specific examples. And then think of Jesus all alone. In his greatest time of trial, everyone abandons him.

You abandon him. And he turns and looks at you. And he knows you denied him. Feel the shame and confess your failings to him. When you're ready, let's move to the next station.

Let's go.