

Countdown to Calvary

**24 hours
in the life of Jesus
Luke 22-23**

**Denial
Luke 22.54-62**

Four Stages in Falling for Temptation

1. A Misplaced Self-Confidence, vs31-34

“It could never happen to me”

pride goes before a fall Prov 16.18; 1 Cor 12.10

we're at our most vulnerable

when we think we're not 1 Pet 5.8-9

2. A Lack of Self-Discipline, vs 39,45-46

➤ *A failure to stay awake to pray*

hollow spirituality

added strength comes to pray-ers v43

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3. A Widening Gap between us and Jesus, vs54-60

Peter followed – at a distance

the way to become separated

few reject Jesus; many drift away Heb 2.1

- *He started to keep the wrong company v55
whose company do you keep? Psalm 1.1*
- *He got caught out over something trivial v56
a throwaway comment from a servant girl*

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3. A Widening Gap between us and Jesus, vs54-60

- *He felt pressured into telling lies v57-60*
he had to invent new ones to cover old ones
guard against lies Col 3.9-10; Eph 4.22-25
Jesus was 'full of truth' - this was his glory
John 1.14
truthfulness is the foundation for trustworthiness
Rev 3.7,14; Psalm 51.6
- *He began to use inappropriate language Mt 26.74*
curses and swearing Mat 12.34-35; Eph 4.29-30

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4. A Look that led to Repentance, vs61-62

➤ *Peter remembered Jesus' words*

Judas showed remorse Mat 27.3,5

Peter shed tears of repentance 2 Cor 7.10

There's a way back to God

from the dark paths of sin

when you come as a sinner

to Jesus