

Denial
Mark 14:66-72 (ESV)

Scriptural Questions

1. Where is this narrative situated in the overall timeline of Mark's Gospel? Is it different from the other Gospel writers? What is the significance (if any)?
2. Find a map that describes Peter's location in this narrative. What do you notice?
3. Re-read verse 26-31 again. What are some things that stand out to you?
4. What is the biblical context of oaths and swearing? And why is that important to this passage?
5. Note the accusations of the accusers and Peter's responses; what stands out?

Personal Reflections:

1. What does this passage say about the human condition?
2. What does this passage say about God's sovereignty?
3. What does this passage say about the nature and character of Jesus?
4. What would cause you to question, deny, or forsake your faith?
5. Do you believe Jesus is frustrated with your denial(s) of him? Why?
6. How does Scripture confront the believer that Jesus not only forgives but also restores?
7. In light of Easter, why is this passage so important to the Christian faith?