

## The Crowing of Conviction **Mark 14:66-72**

### A. The Recipe for Spiritual Failure

1. We think too highly of ourselves **v. 29-31**

*Therefore, let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. **1 Cor 10:12** (NKJV)*

2. We neglect the practice of prayer **v. 38**

3. We follow Jesus from afar **v. 54**

4. We sit in the seat of sinners **v. 66-67a**

*Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers. **Ps 1:1** (NIV)*

"Those that warm themselves with the evildoers grow cold towards good people and good things. And those that are fond of the devil's fireside are in danger of the devil's fire." – Matthew Henry

5. We ignore early warning signs **v. 67b-68**

### B. The Road to Spiritual Recovery

1. The conviction of sin **v. 72**

2. The contrition for sin

*For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death. **2 Cor 7:10***

"Before we can begin to see the cross as something done for us, we have to see it as something done by us." – John Stott