

With the Master in the Upper Room—Questions for Consideration—Lesson 5—John 13:36-38-A
Shocking Prediction

- 1) (a) Read John chapter 13, making note of all the times Peter's name is mentioned. Also, make note when his old name, Simon Peter, is mentioned. (b) Why do you think John calls Peter, "Simon Peter" at times?

- 2) Memorize John 13:38.

- 3) (a) How many questions does Peter ask the Lord in John 13, and how does the Lord answer each one? (b) What quality of love do you see our Lord displaying towards Peter during these "questioning" times?

- 4) (a) What do the following passages teach you about making rash vows? Ecclesiastes 5:1-7; Matthew 5:33-37; James 5:12 (b) How could Peter have applied these truths before making his rash vow in John 13:37?

- 5) In addition to what is recorded in John 13:36-38, read the other accounts of Jesus foretelling of Peter's denial, in Matthew 26:30-35, Mark 14:26-31 and Luke 22:31-34. What are the differences and what are the similarities among all of these accounts?

- 6) (a) What did Jesus mean in Luke 22:31-32 when He declared, "Simon, Simon! Indeed Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat"? (b) What did Jesus mean by the phrase, "and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren"? (c) What comfort do you take in these verses?

- 7) Read either 1 Peter or 2 Peter and write down all the ways that Peter "strengthens the brethren" through his writings.

- 8) (a) In what ways do Christians deny the Lord? (b) In what ways do you deny the Lord? (c) Are you willing to literally lay down your life for Christ today?

- 9) Please bring a prayer request to share based on your answers from question 8.