

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

Mark 14:26-31, 66-72

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. How did Jesus know all of His disciples would fall away?

Before He was born, through the Holy Spirit, Jesus inspired the Old Testament prophets to predict many aspects of His first and second coming. He quoted the prophets in the Scriptures knowing that He would fulfill them.

2. Did Jesus go ahead of them into Galilee? If so, when?

Yes. But only after He appeared to them a few times and convinced them that He had risen from the dead (see John 21).

3. How many times did Peter deny Jesus and what did Peter do after he denied Jesus the first time? What did Peter do after he denied Jesus the last time?

Three times. He began to move toward the entrance of the courtyard, probably so he could escape quickly if detected. He broke down and wept.

4. Who was the first person to claim Peter was one of Jesus’ followers?

One of the high priest’s servant girls.

5. What happened that made Peter quit denying that he knew Jesus?

The rooster crowed and reminded him of what Jesus had said he would do—and he recognized that he had done exactly as Jesus had predicted. His weeping took the place of his denying.

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