

**LESSONS FROM THE TRIAL OF JESUS**  
***Reliving the Passion, Part 4***  
**Mark 14:53-72**

You can participate “in an ancient practice of our Christian Church: observing Lent, examining yourself for your own deep need of Jesus’ grace, understanding the crucifixion as the moment of marvelous love and your salvation, and giving God thanks for a resurrection which promises your own in the end.”

– Walter Wangerin, *Reliving the Passion*

**1. LEARN WHO JESUS IS BY WHAT HE IS NOT**

*The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they could not find any. Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.” Mark 14:55 (NIV)*

**2. ASK, “HOW DO I DEFINE JESUS?”**

*“Jesus and his disciples left Galilee and went up to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. As they were walking along, he asked them, ‘Who do people say I am?’ ‘Well,’ they replied, ‘some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other prophets.’ Then Jesus asked, ‘Who do you say I am?’ Peter replied, ‘You are the Messiah.’ But Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.”  
Mark 8:27-30 (NLT)*

*“Then the high priest asked him, ‘Are you the Messiah, the Son of the blessed God?’ Jesus said, ‘I am, and you will see me, the Son of Man, sitting at God’s right hand in the place of power and coming back on the clouds of heaven.’ Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said, ‘Why do we need other witnesses? You have all heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?’ And they all condemned him to death.” Mark 14:62-64 (NLT)*

**3. ASK, “AM I AT ALL LIKE PETER?”**

*“Meanwhile, Peter was below in the courtyard. One of the servant girls ... looked at him closely and then said, ‘You were one of those with Jesus, the Nazarene.’ Peter denied it. ‘I don’t know what you’re talking about,’ he said ... Just then, a rooster crowed. The servant girl saw him standing there and began telling the others, ‘That man is definitely one of them!’ Peter denied it again. A little later some other bystanders began saying to Peter, ‘You must be one of them because you are from Galilee.’ Peter said, ‘I swear by God, I don’t know this man you’re talking about.’ And immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Suddenly, Jesus’ words flashed through Peter’s mind: ‘Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.’ And he broke down and cried.” Mark 14:66-72 (NLT)*