"Down Does Not Mean Out" **Re-discovering Jesus in the Gospel of John**

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## ****John 13:36-38; 14:1-6 (Luke 22:31-34)****

# John 13:36-38 (ESV)

**36**Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.” **37**Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” **38**Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

# Luke 22:31-34 (ESV)

**31**“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, **32**but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” **33**Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” **34**Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

# John 14:1-6 (ESV)

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **2**In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3**And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. **4**And you know the way to where I am going.”**5**Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” **6**Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

# When our pride and/or fears lead to failure . . . Look who is praying:

1. **All lose courage—only the repentant can encourage others (Luke 22:31-32)**
2. **Troubling circumstances must lead us to an upward focus (John 14:1-3)**
3. **There is NO other way, or truth, or life offered, other than Jesus (John 14:6)**