

THE DENIAL LOOP

Luke 22:63-71

Jesus has told us all we need to know to believe. The question is: Are we willing to seek truth? Will I confront my own pride and resistance to what Jesus has clearly revealed about Himself? For the Son of Man came to seek and to save us.

- I. The **Angry** Denial: Where am I **angrily rejecting** the truth of who Jesus is? (vv 63-65)

- II. The **Prideful** Denial: Where is my **pride a blind spot** as I consider Jesus? (v 66-68)

- III. The **Avoidant** Denial: Where am I **refusing to engage** in who Jesus is? (v 69-71)



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1. The message described anger, pride, and avoidance as different expressions in a “loop” of denial. Which of those three do you find is most dangerous or deceptive, and why?

2. Jesus tells the council: “If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer.” (Luke 22:67-68) How can someone become resistant to truth even while being very familiar with Scripture? Have you experienced this personally?

3. See Luke 22:71. What is the difference between genuine conviction and a hardened refusal to listen?
Ref: Psalm 139:23-24; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10; Hebrews 3:7-8; John 3:19-21

4. The message emphasized asking “honest questions” before God. What is a difficult or honest question you have had to bring to God in your own faith journey?

5. What is one area where you need to more fully submit to the truth of Christ this week?

“I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now.... Come further up, come further in!” — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle