

WEAK SHEEP, MIGHTY SHEPHERD

Mark 14:27-31

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[Note: This is not a complete transcript of what was actually preached. It is Tim's manuscript, which tends to be about 80% of the actual sermon (yet other sections might get omitted from actual sermon because of time constraints). Some common abbreviations in these notes are: "NB" = *nota bene*, "note well" / "+" = an illustration / "→" = an application / "BTW" = "By the way" / "Cf." = cross-reference / "I.e." = "In other words" / "b/c" = because / "E.G." = for example.]

Turn to Mark 14. – We'll be taking a short break from John as we begin this Passion Week. – Name a more important week on the Christian calendar than this one – this is the high point of our faith, what we celebrate in this coming week.

Do you know why we call it The Passion Week of our Lord? – It's taken from the Lat. Term, *passio*, for suffering, e.g., the final week of Christ's suffering (for our redemption).

If this is the most pivotal & important week in all of human history, we could never study it too much or know it too well. – So let's set the scene by briefly *rehearsing the main events* of Jesus' Passion week:

The Passion Week begins back in Mark 11, Sunday: Jesus is in Bethany, at the home of Martha & Mary & Lazarus, Jesus' favt B&B, just east of Jerusalem.

Once the two disciples return with the promised colt, Jesus sits on it and begins His journey into Jerusalem – down the Mt. Of Olives, across the Kidron Valley, and up to the temple mount. –

I.e., His triumphal entry – on what we now know as 'Palm Sunday', because of the palm branches they spread out on the road to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. – The Jews were sure that He was their liberator at, their ship had come in, their political deliverer.

Jesus then enters the Temple and gazes around. – He then departs, returning all the way across the Kidron Valley and over the Mt. of Olives and back to Bethany,

On the Mon. AM, Jesus again goes up to Jerusalem. – On His way there, He curses the fig tree, representing Israel's spiritual barrenness.

When Jesus reaches the temple, there He also pronounces judgment, as He cleanses the temple.

On the Tues. AM, Jesus stops again at the withered fig tree and instructs His disciples. – Then, Jesus enters the temple and begins teaching. – He gets embroiled in a series of confrontations, each challenging His authority as Messiah and as the Son of God. – This is what Mk. 12 is all about.

On Tues. afternoon, Jesus & the disciples are leaving the temple to return to Bethany. – But as they cross the Kidron Valley and climb the Mt of Olives, the disciples look back to admire their beloved temple (perhaps in the light of the setting sun?).

So in response, Jesus gives His famous Olivet Discourse, Mk. 13, His teaching on the destruction of the Temple and the end times and the signs of His Second Coming & final return to earth.

On Tues. PM, or by Wed. latest, Judas makes his dark deal with the authorities, betraying Jesus into their hands for 30 pieces of silver. – That's Mk. 14:10-11.

What else happened on Wednesday of the Passion Week? – We don't know. – The Gospels are all silent about Wednesday. – It is assumed that Jesus probably spent a quieter day with His friends at Bethany, and in preparing His own soul for the agony of Calvary that awaited Him.

Thursday of the Passion Week is when Jesus eats the Passover, His last supper with His disciples. – This sacred Pesach meal usually began at sunset and carried on until about midnight. – That's Mk 14:12-26. – It's here that Jesus introduces our ordinance of Communion, the Lord's Table (which we'll be celebrating this coming Good Friday).

Look then at how their last supper concludes: v. 26...

+ NB, the Kidron Brook would be flowing at this time of year in the spring, since it rained. – And the water flowing in the brook would be mingled with the blood from all the lambs that were being slaughtered in the temple. And the blood would trail down the slope into that little stream and Jesus then would cross with them the bloody stream draining out of the temple. – How profound the symbolism here....

Which brings us to our text for this morning, vv. 27-31: Words spoken by Jesus either on their way over to the Garden of Gethsemane, or as they first arrive there.

Stand, Read vv. 27-31 & Pray:

Give title...

Will probably be our theme for Thurs PM & Fri. AM as well, all in Mark 14, DV....

Our text this AM is all about the danger of self-confidence – the futility of trust self instead of trust Christ, the only One worthy of our complete confidence & reliance. – He is mighty, we are weak.

+ Not long ago, the cover page of an edition of the *New York Magazine* had a picture of a little boy on a big throne, holding his sceptre, with this surprising headline: "Praise is Dangerous".

Even some in the secular world are starting to admit the emptiness of the Self-Esteem Movmt of the past 50 years. – It has all backfired badly. –

Some of the very founders of the movement are having second thoughts. – Recent headlines in major news' magazines read, "Losing Faith in the Self-Esteem Movement," and "Self-Esteem's Dark Side Emerges" (Chavez, 1996; Colvin, 1999).

These articles tell of exams where students' performance was *inversely* (not directly, but inversely) proportionate to their self-confidence (Colvin, 1999:3). – I.e., the best performers thought the *least* of themselves.

Research is now showing that "high self-esteem is more often associated with violence than low self-esteem" (Chavez, 1996).

IF we know our Bibles, should any of this surprise us? – Scripture says that we are born loving ourselves, that nothing comes more naturally:

Matt. 22:37, Jesus said, “Love your neighbour as yourself,” i.e., this huge assumption that we already love ourselves quite well!

Eph. 5:29, “for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes & cherishes it”. – Again, no one has to teach us to love ourself. – Even if our self-love is disguised as self-pity and shame, it is still there.

2 Tim. 3:2 – “In the last days difficult times will come. For men will be [NB, *first* mark!] lovers of self....”

Scripture’s concern is not our need for self-confidence. – Rather, the constant call is for self-denial and self-sacrifice.

Scripture WARNS about the DANGERS of trusting self. – E.g., E.g., Jer. 9:23-24...

NB, instead, the Bible beckons us to have God-confidence, a high God esteem, a high image of Christ!...

Mark 14 is a great place to go to learn those twin lessons – of why we should trust self less, and trust Christ more.

Repeat title...

****IN this text we hear FIVE different SOUNDS – all pointing to our weakness and frailty, contrasted with Jesus’ power & majesty:***

1. v. 27, The sound of STRIKING & SCATTERING

v. 27a – Recall just moments earlier, at the Lord’s Supper: vv. 18-19...

Now Jesus says, ‘All of you will “stumble” into sin, your faith will be “scandalised (lit.)” because of Me and the cost of following Me.’

‘Once, you delighted in Me and My company; but soon, You will all be offended in one way or another. This upcoming exam will be so severe that not one of you will pass it; you will ALL fail the test. You will doubt that I am truly the Messiah when you see my enemies take Me away. You will temporarily defect from the faith.’

BUT this will obviously not catch Jesus by surprise. – As we see through all the trauma and tragedy of this Passion Week, NOTHING happens by chance or mere fate. – All is operating precisely according to plan, God’s sovereign plan:

v. 27b – Jesus has Zech. 13 in mind here. – Turn there:

Zech. Is prophesying of a day when God would (13:1) “open a fountain for cleansing” from sin in Jerusalem, and a day when God would refine His people and purify a remnant for Himself. – This was pointing to the promised New Covenant that God would create which would bring true purity to God’s people.

But for all these great things to happen, WHAT was necessary: 13:6-7...

God Himself had to “strike” a “close companion” of His, one He calls, “My Shepherd”, v. 7a. –

And also, v. 7b, “My Associate” = Literally, the Hebrew is “The Man of My union, the Man who is united with Me, My equal.”

And the word for “man” here is not the normal Hebrew word for man, it’s the word for a strong or mighty man. – I.e., These are messianic references, not only to the Messiah, but the Messiah who is the Son of God – Wow: One whose nature as Christ would bear the same essence as God Himself.

Back to Mk. 13: NB also Jesus emphasis here: “I will”, God Himself will do this? – With His own sword as it were, slaying His beloved Associate & Fellow, His equal, His Shepherd? –

NB, it isn’t Judas who led Him to the cross ultimately; it isn’t the Sanhedrin, the Romans, it isn’t Pilate, Caiaphas, or Herod. – Not, it’s God who crucified Jesus.

As Isa. 53 puts it, “It was the LORD’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer....” – What grace!, Isa. 53:6 (should’ve been US!)
He is “struck” so that we won’t have to be.

WHAT effect would this have upon the followers of this Shepherd figure? – They would be “scattered”, dissolved. – The inseparable Eleven, this band of brothers for 3 whole years – they would be blown apart, severed from one another and from their Lord because of fear.

Jesus knew exactly who Zechariah’s prophesy was about: Himself.

And it was about to be fulfilled. – When Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is captured and slain, the sheep will panic & flee. – They will truly act like ‘sheep without a shepherd’...

→NB, the perfect knowledge of our Lord, His absolute omniscience (as we’ve seen in John 1-3 lately). – Imagine if WE knew everything in advance that we were going to face in life? – We would be paralysed by trauma & panic! –

But not Him. – What majestic knowledge, what courage, what calm! – Truly, the Son of God!...

2. v. 28, The voice of ASSURANCE

v. 28 – Our Lord speaks with unshakable certainty in the face of death: “After I have risen!” He had just said at the Last Supper, in v. 25, ‘I WILL drink anew with you one day in the coming kingdom’!
Yes, the striking of this Shepherd would lead to their scattering.

BUT the rising of this same Shepherd would lead to their *regathering*! – How gracious of our Lord: even before they were scattered, He gives them this reassurance!

What tender words of hope & restoration for these fickle disciples! – Their “falling away” would *not be terminal* like Judas’s fall would be.

WHY Galilee? – Why not the “holy city” of Jerusalem? – Yet in the Gospels, for Jesus, Jerusalem is a place of opposition and rejection. –

But Galilee was where it all began with many of these disciples, when He first called them by the lakeside. – So there, after Jesus had risen, He would also restore these wayward followers and commission them to go out in His name.

Think of what must have gone through their minds, a few days later, after Jesus did rise, when they did meet Him in Galilee:

‘Ah, once again, everything has happened *just as He said*. Contrary to all our claims, we DID fall away, *just as He said*. But praise God, He has also risen as He promised and gone ahead of us to Galilee.’

‘HOW could we have ever doubted His Word? – Why were we so foolish to ever fear or panic or betray Him? – WHY did we not trust His Word the first time?!’ – BUT praise God, He still hasn’t given upon on us yet!

→How many of our problems today start at this exact same point?!: Not paying close enough attention to His warnings & His promises?, not having ears to hear the 1st time?...

HOW much comfort do we miss out on b/c of being deaf to God’s Word?! – How much of His peace escapes us, until much later, when we finally remember what His Word says?!...

→Behold here Jesus’ power. – As we saw in Jn. 2, Jesus said, “Destroy this temple, and in 3 days I will raise it!”, speaking of His own body. – Contra. the disciples, they feared death, they ran!...

NOT Jesus: He looked death straight in the eye, He did not fear death. – He knew, as Rev. 1 tells us, that He held the keys of death and Hell. – The grave could not hold Him!...

BUT self-confident Peter is still NOT convinced!:

3. v. 29, The voice of PROUD DENIAL

v. 29 – I.e., ‘Lord, I can’t speak for all these other weaklings. But as for me, you can ALWAYS count on Me, guaranteed! – Here’s looking at you, the one-and-only exception to that little prediction of yours!’

BUT what does Prov. 16:18 say? – “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.” – Prov. 29:23 says, “A man’s pride will bring him low.” – When pride comes, Prov. 11:2 says, “Shame follows.”

And what does 1 Cor. 10:12 say? “Let him who thinks he stands, take heed, lest he fall.”

~ M. Henry, "It is bred in the bone with us, to *think well* of ourselves, and *trust our own hearts*."

The world says, 'Believe in yourself, trust your heart, do what feels right.' – Contra. Prov. 28:26, "He that trusts his own heart is a fool!"

+ Self-confident presumption is the LAST thing you'd want if you were training RAW recruits for a high-risk, hazardous job:

E.G., training new workers in how to handle dynamite on the mines, or electricians how to climb power lines and work on high-voltage cables, or medical research students experimenting with deadly viruses. –

One wrong move, and you're dead, along with potentially many others too.

Self-confidence is the LAST thing you'd want in such trainees. No, 'Assume nothing, presume nothing, move very carefully, never trust yourself, take every caution!'

4. v. 30, The sound of the COCK CROWING

v. 30a – I.e., 'Peter, listen up...'

v. 30b – 'Now do you get the picture, Peter? This is how short-lived your bravado will be. Before the night is over, you will totally disassociate yourself from Me.'

'In fact, Peter, your stumbling will be far worse than the rest. You will not only 'fall away' under pressure; you will deliberately deny Me, *three times over!*

~ One commentator writes: "*Three times*" hammers into Peter, and US as readers, how quickly the most noble convictions can wilt before a serious onslaught. It is of no use to protest that we have not committed the sins [that] we self-righteously condemn in others. The question is not what sins we have committed as much as what sins we would commit were we faced with serious pressure, temptation, opportunity, and threat.

NB, v. 30 here, the rooster crowing is also the SIGNAL that Jesus will use to trigger Peter to repentance (to return back to his Lord). –

As another writer puts, "at the appropriate moment this hidden memory [of a rooster crowing] will suddenly pull the rope that will ring the bell of Peter's conscience."

→What 'crowing roosters' has God put into your life to ring the bell of your conscience?:

Advice from your godly mother or grandmother; warnings from a godly friend or uncle long ago; an Bible or important Christian book that still sits there on the shelf collecting dust but convicts you every time you see it;

any # of other symbols, 'crowing roosters', He puts in our life to 'ring the bell' and remind us of what we should've done; but these things are also given to remind us that He longs to restore us, to bring us back to our 'first Love', to our original devotion to Christ!...

Moments earlier, back in the Upper Room, Luke tells us of Jesus' initial prediction to Peter. – Turn to Luke 22...

This passage gets beneath the surface of Mk. 14 and shows us WHO else is behind Peter's imminent denial and WHY Peter will fall. – Here we have God's diagnosis of the root cause beneath the fruit of Peter's (and ALL of their) upcoming denial. –

This is a verse that has been dear to me for many years:

Lk. 22:31-32...

A few crucial observations here in Luke 22, so that we can better understand what Jesus is predicting will happen in Mk. 14 (and what happens in our own hearts before we fall):

a. Satan must always ask GOD for permission. – He is a devil, but as Luther put it, he is "God's devil"! – Cf. Job 1-2, twice we see Satan have to report to Heaven before he can even touch Job...

Satan knows there is a chain of command, and it DOESN'T start with him!...

b. HOWEVER: Satan is very powerful and has a clear strategy – NB, v. 31b. – NB, not singular, but plural "you" here.

→NB, this is real spiritual warfare!

WHAT is Satan's main target when He attacks us (as w/Peter)? – Not just to scare us, or make us sick, or make us sad or poor. – He will use health or sickness, poverty or wealth, as long as He can sever the very ROOT of the whole Christian life. –

His rifle is aimed at the very HEART of the matter: "your faith".

+ Piper: *We can imagine a picture like this: Satan has a big sieve with jagged-edged wires forming a mesh with holes shaped like faithless men and women. What he aims to do is throw people into this sieve and shake them around over these jagged edges until they are so torn and weak and desperate that they let go of their faith and fall through the sieve as faithless people, right into Satan's company. Faith cannot fall through the mesh. It's the wrong shape. And so as long as the disciples hold to their faith, trusting the power and goodness of God for their hope, then they will not fall through the mesh into Satan's hands.*

→Christian, keep holding on! – This is the real battle behind all your other struggles – e.g., work, finance, relationships, etc.

Cf. Gen. 3, where it all began, by sowing doubt: 'Has God really said?' and 'Is God really good?' – Once he got Eve doubting God's Word and God's character, the battle was already won!...

Cf. Job, that was Satan's ONE goal, to get Job to curse God. – But the whole book of Job is one huge demonstration of the invincibility of saving faith, that God's true children will hang on to Him even when all Hell breaks loose against them.

Cf. 1 Thess. 3:2, 5*, 6a, 7b, 10b... Hmmm, starting to get the point? – There is one engine in the Christian life that drives all else: faith. – If Satan can stall that engine or cause it to 'pack up', the rest of our Christian life will become hollow and useless.

→What then is our greatest weapon against His attacks?: Eph. 6, "the shield of faith" to resist all the fiery darts of doubt that the Evil One hurls at us. – It is a fight for our FAITH!...

Peter himself finally learned this. – And he did “turn back” and “strengthen his brothers” and all of us. – How? – By writing 1-2 Peter.

In 1 Pet. 5:8, “Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. Resist him firm in your *faith*.”

+ Piper again: *Jesus pictured Satan as a farmer shaking Christians in his sieve, trying to tear them apart from their faith. Peter pictures Satan as a lion who can devour anything but faith.*

The only person that can fit through Satan's sieve is an unbeliever. The only thing that will fit down the lion's throat is an unbeliever. This is the victory that overcomes Satan's sieve and Satan's throat, our faith (1 John 5:4, “that overcomes the world”).

c. v. 32, Jesus Himself prays for us! – God is not just sitting back, arms folded, watching & waiting to see if our faith survives or not. –

In fact, if Jesus our Great High Priest were not constantly praying for us, and if God was not strengthening our faith, it would evaporate in an instant!

Peter will soon fall temporarily. – But Satan wanted most of all for Peter (and all disciples) to fall permanently, like Judas. – But the Almighty Christ made sure that neither Peter or any of them slipped through the sieve or got swallowed by the Roaring Lion!

In fact, in God’s perfect sovereignty, He will only use Peter’s temporary backsliding to give him a greater ministry in future.

As 1 Pet. 1:5 says, we are powerfully “kept by the power of God through faith”. – Jn. 10, Jesus said, My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father who has given them to me is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of my Father's hand.” (vv. 27-30)

Now back to Mk. 14...

→NB also the tenderness of Christ here (vv. 27ff): He knew their weakness & frailty, yet STILL He chose them 3 yrs earlier, and elected them from eternity past, despite themselves – not b/c they would have great faith, but despite their weak faith!

And that Jesus would invite these fickle men to be His closest companions & associates for 3 yrs??... Knowing they would desert Him in the end?...

~ As J.C. Ryle puts it: *Let us take comfort in the thought that the Lord Jesus does not cast off His believing people because of their failures and imperfections. He knows what they are. He takes them...with all their blemishes and defects, and once joined to Him by faith, will never put them away. He is a merciful and compassionate High Priest.*

It is His glory to overlook a transgression and [to cover the many sins of His people]. He knew what [we] were before conversion, wicked guilty, and defiled; yet He loved [us]... He knows what [we] will be after conversion – weak, erring, and frail; yet He loves [us]. He has undertaken to save [us], notwithstanding all our shortcomings, and what He has undertaken He will perform!

BUT despite all of Jesus' counsel & warning, stubborn Peter carries on, blinded by self-deception:

5. v. 31, A CHORUS of DENIAL (the other voices join in with Peter's self-confidence)

+ It was the sin of self-confidence that led BOTH Napoleon & Hitler to make the same lethal mistake. – Do you recall? – They both tried to invade Russia in the winter, and both were defeated & turned back in the process.

v. 31 – i.e., “vehemently, excessively” (used nowhere else in NT). – ‘Perish the thought, Jesus!’

Q: How SHOULD Peter have responded to such a stark prediction?

He should have responded with fear & trembling – Php. 2:12-13...

I.e., ‘Master, I could never contradict You; but please give me grace to keep from denying you; lead me not into temptation, but deliver me from evil. Empower me by Your Spirit.’

Next, ALL the other disciples followed suit, “swept off their feet by Peter's mighty boasts”.

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This is reminiscent of chp. 10:39 where James & John boasted they could *surely* drink the cup and undergo the baptism of suffering that Jesus was facing.

Perhaps some of the disciples (here in chp. 14) were catching on to the fact that Judas had slipped away in order to betray Jesus, that Judas was the culprit. – Therefore, they were not the culprits. – Their boast, ‘Surely not I,’ had proven right thus far!

→ This kind of “zeal w/out knowledge” is such a paradox: On the one hand, we should admire such tenacious devotion to their Master. – Do we have such a stubborn love for our Lord?!

YET on the other hand, what arrogance, to claim that you know more than Jesus! – Disregarding the very words of Jesus?!

Peter denies that he could ever deny Christ. – What an inflated self-esteem he has!

→ Beware of ever trusting your religious experiences and even your most spiritual feelings or emotions. – No worship experience, no event or mtn. top or ‘breakthrough’ as a Christian can ever guarantee that you will stay faithful to Christ. – ONLY the daily choice to deny self and to trust and obey Christ will keep you faithful.

You could go to the best church, visit all the best websites, download all the best preachers, read all the best authors, and have all the best spiritual experiences. – But NONE of those is a guarantee!

→ This is why Rom. 12:3 so clearly warns us: *Do not think more highly of yourself than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment.*

But Peter's self-concept was anything but sober at this point! – Too often, we are guilty of the same.

+ We 'drink & drive' far more often than we realise! – We can become so drunk by the wine of self-confidence and pride (by a high view of ourselves) that, as we start to 'drive' through life, we are just an accident or collision waiting to happen!

→I love to hear new converts say, "I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back!" – But I feel better once I also hear them saying, "By the grace of God, knowing the deceitfulness of my own heart!"...

Cf. Jer. 17:9...

+ SOME songs today seem to have too much self-assurance in them! – 'Here I am, I'm always yours, I'll die for you, Every breath that I take, every day I'll live only for You...'

It smacks of self-confidence INSTEAD of a healthy dependence and sobriety, knowing the deceitfulness of our own hearts...

Some of the old songwriters knew well this sense of desperation & dependence:

*Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love,
Here's my heart, O, take & seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.*

And:

*Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; You must save, and You alone.*

[~ G. Thomas: *A man who knows where his weakness lies may become strong at that point through knowledge and exercise, but a man who is ignorant of his weak points can't be strong at any point, and the Twelve didn't know that they were weak. All of them deluded themselves that they were strong enough to die alongside Jesus, but at the first whiff of danger off they ran like rabbits.*

...These disciples were only sheep, just like all of us, and no one expects sheep to do anything but to run away when a wolf comes into a field. A sheep's only protection is a shepherd, and once these men had rejected the counsels of the Shepherd they were in deep trouble.

...There is far more wickedness in all our hearts than we know. We can never tell how far we'll fall when we're faced with temptation. When young David was anointed by Samuel to become king, when he killed Goliath with the sling and they destroyed the Philistine army, when the Spirit of prophecy came upon him and he wrote Psalm 23, do you think in the aftermath of those times he'd have believed the Lord if he had warned him not to become a peeping Tom on the roof of his palace, and that that would lead to his adultery, and murder and the death of a child.

"Never!" David would have said. "Not me! I'd never take another man's wife and arrange for her husband to be murdered." David was utterly sincere, and completely wrong. There is no degree of sin into which a man of God may not run. Just wait for the right circumstances and the power of temptation, and unless we are watching and praying we are done for.]

As next passage proves, vv. 32ff... Again, weak sheep, mighty Shepherd. – Drowsy disciples, faithful Lord, sweating drops of blood in prayer for us, conquering Satan, triumphing for our salvation, while we can't even watch with Him one hour....

+ Story is told about a man called Henry Winstanley who erected a lighthouse in the UK in 1696. – The author writes:

[Winstanley] was so confident about it that he said he'd like to be in his lighthouse on the night of the most fierce of storms. He got his wish because in November 1703 he and some workmen were trapped in the lighthouse at a time when a hurricane blew. At the first light of dawn the local people went to the top of the cliff to see how the lighthouse had survived, but it was nowhere to be seen. Just two twisted iron bolts were left of the whole structure. Nothing else of the work of man was left. Winstanley had no appreciation of the power of the storms, and that ignorance destroyed him.

[+ Same with Titanic's arrogant builders: 'Even God couldn't sink this ship'. – But He did....]

PRAY: ...Lord, deliver us from this intoxicating wine of self-confidence... Make us more sober... Teach us to stay away from tempting places, people & things, b/c of a healthy self-distrust...But how we praise You for Jesus' majesty displayed here: His knowledge, courage, power and glory...

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Why do we trust ourselves so implicitly, yet trust others much less easily?
2. What are our thoughts and emotions and experiences that most tempt us believe our own hearts and ignore the deadly possibility of self-deception?
3. If you would like, see p. 7 above and do a further study of Luke 22:31-32, which I did not have time for in the actual sermon.
4. How does this text about human failure and sin also indirectly display the majesty and glory of our Lord & Saviour?