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 - Cf. John 18:18 - Now the slaves and the officers were standing *there*, having made a charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter was also with them, standing and warming himself.
 - Luke 22:55 - After they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter was sitting among them.

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- III. The Third Denial (69-70a)
- IV. The Fourth Denial (70b-72)
 - Cf. John 18:26 - One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?"

The Lessons for Us...

- 1) To remind us of the seriousness of denying our Lord.
 - a) By remaining silent when God or His truth is being attacked.
 - b) By living in a way that denies our profession.
 - c) By hiding the fact that we are Christians from the people around us.
 - d) By being unwilling to speak for Christ and the gospel out of fear of what others will think of us.

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- 2) To encourage those who would deny their Lord in the future.
- 3) To illustrate God's willingness to forgive any sin when there is repentance.
- 4) To demonstrate the perseverance of the saints thru the keeping power of Jesus.

The Lessons for Us...

- 5) To illustrate a basic reality of the Christian life.
 - There are only two possible sources of spiritual strength...
 - (1) Self-confidence -- trust in one's own strength.
 - (2) Humble dependence -- trust in God's strength.
 - 2 Cor. 4:7 – We have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves.
 - [2 Cor. 12:9-10](#)
- 6) To contrast Jesus' faithfulness with Peter's unfaithfulness.