

**MATTHEW DAILY STUDY GUIDE**  
**Matthew 26:31-75**

**DAY ONE: OBSERVATION.** Read Matt. 26:31-75 slowly and prayerfully.

What stands out to you in this passage? Why?

This passage is framed by Peter’s statement that he will never deny the Lord (26:35) and his thrice denial of Jesus just a few hours later (26:74).

Using the chart below, write down 1-3 things that you learn about Peter in each of these sections and 1-3 things that you learn about Jesus.

Verses	Peter	Jesus
26: 31-35		
26: 36-46		
26: 47-56	Note: Peter is the one who cuts off the servant’s ear w/his sword (John 18:10).	
26: 57-75		

**DAY TWO: MEDITATION.** Read and meditate on Matthew 26:38-42. Write out your thoughts or your prayer to God.

**DAY THREE: INTERPRETATION.** All four gospels record these events. They mark the climax of Jesus’ life...and also show the failure of Peter and the other disciples. Take time to read each of the parallel gospel accounts and record 1-2 things that you learn from each account.

Mark 14:27-72

Luke 22:31-71

John 18:1-27

**DAY FOUR: DEVOTION.** Read J. C. Ryle’s commentary on this passage at [gracegems.org/Ryle/m26.htm](http://gracegems.org/Ryle/m26.htm). What stands out to you from Ryle’s words?

**DAY FIVE: APPLICATION.** The hardest prayer to pray is what Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane: “Not my will but Yours be done” (26:39). What is a “cup” in your life right now that you would rather not drink? What is a burden, pain, trial that you would rather not have in your life?

Open your hands before the Lord and pray Jesus’ prayer in Matt. 26:39.

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