

TAKE HEED LEST YOU FALL (John 13)

1Co 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth **take heed lest** he fall.

I. WHERE ARE YOU GOING LORD? John 13:36

- A. Where I am going you cannot come now!
 - 1. I go to the **cross** (the place of shame and suffering)
 - 2. I go to the **grave** (the place of death)
 - 3. I go to **heaven** (the place of resurrection)
- B. You will follow me in the future Peter!
 - 1. I have a **job** for you to **complete** Peter
 - Luk 22:31** And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to *have* you, that he may sift *you* as wheat:
 - Luk 22:32** But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.
 - a. Satan wants to **destroy** you (Luke 22:31)
 - b. When you are **converted** strength your brethren (John 21)
 - c. You must **feed my sheep** (John 21 and Acts 1,2)
- 5. You will be following me one day through sacrificial **death**

II. WHY CAN'T I FOLLOW YOU? John 13:37

- A. I want to **follow you** right now Lord!
 - 1. A powerful love and desire to be as close as possible to Christ
 - * He was on the inner circle with James and John
 - 2. A desire to go with Christ wherever He was going
- B. I am absolutely willing to **die for you**!
 - 1. Total **surrender** (left fishing to follow Christ)
 - 2. Total **sacrifice** (cut of the servant of the High priest's ear)
 - 3. He **courageously** followed Christ to the place of **judgment**

III. WILL YOU LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE FOR ME? John 13:38

- A. You are not going to **stand** with me
- B. You will not **surrender** your **life** for me at this time
- C. You are going to **deny** me
 - *It is important that Peter was an eyewitness of the events
- D. I will **retrieve** and use you in spite of your **failure** (John 21)