

## MATTHEW: Insidious Sin

### *Matthew 26:57-75*

- *Exodus 23:8*
- *Deuteronomy 19:16-19*
- *Mark 14:57-59*
- *Psalms 110:1*
- *Daniel 7:13*
- *Philippians 3:8-11*

1. Human strength or wisdom is always doomed to fail because it is always

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Only \_\_\_\_\_ can bring freedom from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ hearts and lives.

#### **Questions to consider this week:**

1. Where do we find it easy to look to ourselves or others to give validity to our faith rather than God? Where do we rely on human strength and wisdom apart from God? How do we avoid the same traps as Peter and the religious leaders?
2. How does Jesus' trial give us perspective on the failures and disappointments that we see of ourselves or others in the world?
3. What is the purpose of the Lenten season? How do we prepare our hearts in a way that doesn't become performative?

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—  
*(Philippians 3:8-9; ESV)*