

## November 8 Answers

- 1) The difference between how Jesus and Peter acted in the garden (and after) is due to how these two men **prepared** for their hour of temptation. Peter had given little **thought** to the difficult time that was coming, while Jesus had been thinking and preparing for **weeks**. Peter had argued with the other disciples about who was the **greatest**, while Jesus had taken a bowl and **washed** their feet. Peter had loudly proclaimed that he would never **forsake** Jesus, while Jesus had gently **warned** Peter of his coming trial. Peter had openly promised to lay down his **life** for Jesus, while Jesus had purposed to suffer and **die** for Peter. Peter **bragged** while Jesus counseled. Peter **slept** while Jesus prayed. Peter **maimed** while Jesus healed. And when Jesus was arrested, Peter **fled** while Jesus stayed. What happened to Peter teaches us: (1) The danger of **pride**. Peter thought himself above temptation (Matt 26:33), and he didn't take Jesus' warnings seriously. (2) The danger of **self-reliance**. Peter kept saying that *he* would do this and *he* would do that. (3) The danger of the **flesh**. Peter was tired after a long day, and his body wanted to sleep when his spirit wanted to pray. (4) The danger of going **halfway**. Peter was one of only two disciples who followed Jesus, but he stayed out in the **courtyard** rather than standing by Jesus' side. Those who go halfway will find to their dismay that they haven't gone at all!