

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 14 66-72



Love the Lord all you his servants; for the Lord protects the faithful,
but repays to the full the proud.
Psalm 31:23

Praising:

Look on his face, come close to him – see, you will find no beauty there: despised, rejected, who can tell the grief and sorrow he must bear?

Reading:

Mark 14:66-72
Peter denies Jesus

Before Peter's flat denial about knowing Jesus the third time he is asked, it could be that on both previous occasions he had managed to sidestep his questioners. We all know it's possible to give people a false or misleading impression without actually coming right out with a bald lie. By this stage there's a fair chance that Peter and the other disciples are in fear of their lives. It's not that any of us should

be seriously thinking that in the same situation we would have responded differently. We will probably never be cornered or fearful in the way Peter was. But whoever we are: have there ever been times when we have found it convenient simply not to mention our Christian faith, or the fact that we go to Church or even that we believe in God?

Listening:

Praying:

Grant us courage Lord

- to speak freely and gently to those we meet of your love for us in Christ
- never to deny Christ out of pride, self-consciousness or fear
- when we have let Christ down a bucketful to try and be faithful all over again

Father: what have I got to be afraid of? Laughter or mockery? Ridicule or embarrassment? Nothing close to being arrested or tortured or beaten or killed. So give me a back bone. Amen

Doing: