Quick Review

1. Was there anything from this past Sunday’s message that challenged or confused you?

2. Can you think of one thing from Sunday’s sermon that you are likely to remember two weeks from now?

My Story

1. On Sunday we looked at Peter’s betrayal of Jesus. Can you think of a time where you were being called to be a “good witness” and you “dropped the ball”? Briefly share those circumstances with your group.

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Digging Deeper

1. Read 14:66-72 (also refer to 14:27-31). In what ways are Peter and Jesus going through the same experience as Jesus during this time?
   a. See if you can decide how Peter’s response contrasts with Jesus’?
   b. How can we avoid doing what Peter did?

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Digging Deeper (cont.)

2. Read 15:15. Why do you think Mark included the interesting note that Barabbas was released instead of Jesus?

   a. What does the release of Barabbas teach us about Jesus’ work on the cross?

3. Who, in Mark’s account, can be “blamed” for Jesus’ death, if anyone? (Think of all the events leading up to his execution.)

TAKING IT HOME

In Jesus we have an advocate. In your devotional time this week read the following verses and consider the implications of Jesus divine advocacy for you. 1 John 1:9, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 3:18