

Jean Gerson- 1363-1429

Study Questions



Scripture: John 18:20-27; Mark 14:66-72

Christ Before Annas & Peter's Denial

1. Gerson highlights Jesus' calm, truthful response to unjust accusation and physical insult.

Where do you feel tempted to defend yourself harshly, and what would it look like to imitate Jesus' "middle way" of courage without retaliation?

2. The sermon warns against the "spirit of flattery" that strikes the truth rather than receiving it.

How do you see flattery, people-pleasing, or fear of authority silencing Christian witness today—and how can we resist it?

3. Gerson contrasts our impatience and self-vindication with Jesus' self-control as He endured wrongful suffering.

In what situations are you most likely to become your own "judge and avenger," and what spiritual practices help restrain that impulse?

4. Gerson teaches that Peter's fall was permitted for three reasons: to give hope to sinners, to deepen Peter's humility, and to make him a gentler shepherd.

Which of these reasons speaks most powerfully into your own understanding of failure, repentance, and leadership?

5. The sermon insists that true repentance comes not only from hearing a warning ("the rooster crow") but from receiving Christ's inward, grace-filled look.

What helps you recognize Christ's "look" in your own heart—those moments when He softens, convicts, or calls you back to Himself?

Notes

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