

Temptation's Progressive Nature

“It has happened to them according to the true proverb, ‘A dog returns to its own vomit,’ and, ‘A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire.’” (2 Peter 2.22)

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How did Peter stumble and fall? (Matthew 27.31-75)

1. _____
(Matthew 27.31-35; cf. Proverbs 16.18; 1 Corinthians 10.12; Galatians 6.1)
2. _____
(Matthew 27.36-46)
3. Misguided _____
(Matthew 27.47-51; John 18.10-11; cf. Romans 10.1-2)
4. _____ from Jesus.
(Matthew 27.56b-58a; cf. James 4.8)
5. Evil _____.
(Matthew 27.58b, 69-74; cf. 1 Corinthians 15.33)
6. _____
(Matthew 27.75)

So Peter admonishes, *“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him...”* (1 Peter 5.8-9)

Applications: _____

