

Mark 14:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Peter's boast contains tragic irony. The intensive conjunction ἀλλά (alla, "but") signals strong contradiction—Peter pits his assessment against Jesus' prophetic word. The phrase **yet will not I** (ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγώ, all' ouk egō) emphasizes the pronoun, suggesting Peter considers himself superior to other disciples in loyalty.

This exemplifies the danger of self-confidence. Peter trusted his intention rather than recognizing human weakness. The contrast between πάντες (pantes, "all") and ἐγώ (egō, "I") reveals Peter's pride—he exempts himself from Jesus' prophetic word. Yet Jesus' response (v. 30) doesn't reject Peter but specifies the precise nature of his coming failure, demonstrating both omniscience and redemptive purpose in allowing the fall.

Historical Context

In first-century Jewish culture, public denial of one's teacher (rabbi) constituted ultimate betrayal and brought severe dishonor. Peter's later restoration (John 21:15-17) required threefold confession to counteract threefold denial. Early church tradition holds that Peter's humiliation produced the humble servant-leadership exemplified in his epistles (1 Peter 5:5-6).

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does Peter's self-confidence despite Jesus' direct warning teach about the danger of trusting our own strength?
2. How does comparing yourself favorably to other Christians reveal the same pride Peter displayed?
3. In what areas of your Christian walk might you be trusting your intentions rather than God's sustaining grace?

Interlinear Text

ὁ	δὲ	Πέτρος	ἔφη	αὐτῷ	καὶ	Εἰ	πάντες
G3588	But	Peter	said	unto him	Although	G1487	all
	G1161	G4074	G5346	G846	G2532		G3956
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shall be offended	yet	will not	I				
G4624	G235	G3756	G1473				

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