**The Night The Rooster Crowed**

(John 18:27 KJV)

*Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew.*

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he narrative before us focuses on Peter while we observe his heartbreaking rejection of Jesus. In the Upper Room, on several occasions Peter had boasted royally three times that he would remain loyal to Christ (Matthew 26:33, 35; John 13:37). In the Garden, he had gone to sleep three times and left Jesus awake praying by himself (Mark 14:32-41) when he should have been up praying and giving intercessory prayer. Then he lied denying that he knew the Lord three times, and in( John 21) he had to plead guilty his love for Christ three times! In the Upper Room Peter fell into the trap and snares of the devil (Luke 22:31-34); in the Garden he yielded to the weakness of the flesh; and now in the priest's courtyard, he would surrender to the peer pressures of the world.

Surprisingly, we cannot identify who the unidentified disciple is in (John18:15). It may have been Nicodemus or Joseph of Arimathea—whoever he was, this disciple led Peter into a sin by opening the door for him! (John18:18) says "it was cold, freezing, a biting frigid, it was definitely winter time," so Peter sat by the fire amongst the enemies of Jesus, but in (Luke 22:44) it specifically states that Christ had been sweating as He prayed that night! Peter the preacher was cold physically in his flesh and he was also spiritually cold in his faith—and had to warm himself at the enemy's fire. In other words he had "walked in the counsel of the ungodly" and was now "standing in the way of sinners." He would soon "sit in the seat of the scornful" (Psalm 1:1). While Christ was suffering, Peter was warming himself, not sharing Christ's sufferings at all. So, what does God do in order to get Peter to understand that his obligation no matter the circumstances—is to continue to share the gospel and not deny Christ? **Answer:** He uses a Preaching Rooster that same night to preach a sermon of conviction to Peter!

God in times past, present and future will use some strange preachers:

* **NOAH'S DOVE** (Genesis 8:11)

*"And the dove came in to him in the evening; and lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from the earth."* (**This dove preaches a message on the faithfulness of God**).

* **BALAAM'S DONKEY** (Numbers 22:28)

*"And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, what have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times"?* (**This donkey preaches a message on rebuke**).

* **ELIJAH'S RAVENS** (1 Kings 17:6)

*"And, the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening, and he drank of the brook"* (**These ravens preached a message of provisions**) (Romans 8:28 KJV**)** *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*