

When the Rooster Crowed **Mark 14:66-72**

It's easy to spot contrasting actions / attitudes of Peter, Judas, and Jesus—especially between Peter and both Jesus or Judas.

First denial in the courtyard, 66-68 (rooster crows afterward)

- ❖ The motive for being here = Matt. 26:58, perhaps also 14:31?
- ❖ Peter affirms he has no knowledge or relationship with Jesus.

Second denial in the gateway, 69-70a

An oath of honesty is given in a darker place, Matt. 26:72.

Third denial in the gateway, 70b-72 (rooster crows afterward)

- ❖ Peter now curses / swears, II Sam. 3:35, I Kgs. 2:23, Gal. 1:9.
- ❖ Hearing rooster and recalling prophecy overwhelms Peter.

Contrasting Peter's and Judas' failures and remorse:

- ❖ Note Satan's involvement with both men, Jn. 13:27, Lk. 22:31.
- ❖ Contrast Peter's sorrowful response to Judas' in Matt. 27:3-5.
- ❖ Consider prophecies in Mk. 14:18-21,30 and Lk. 22:31,32.
- ❖ What can denial mean for us as believers? See Mk. 8:34, Matt. 10:33, Rev. 2:13, II Tim. 2:12,13.

Contrasting Peter's and Jesus' interrogations:

- ❖ What could have helped Peter handle things more like Jesus, 14:38? How was Peter's garden failure omen-like?
- ❖ What lesson is here for us? See Prov. 16:18, I Cor. 10:12.
- ❖ Note how Peter handles a later interrogation in Acts 4:6ff.

