

The Rooster Crows

John 18:12-27

The entire Bible points to the events we are reading about here. The eternal plan of God to save the broken from sin is found in the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. God was saving sinners from the beginning, as the Bible teaches that all those who became children of God before this time were retroactively saved by the sufferings of Christ. . The sufferings of Christ expose our sin. Further, His suffering covers all our sins, *“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”* (Heb. 4:15-16). Let this be a testimony of our own sin as the rooster crows to announce them to the world.

Scripture reading:

With the Gospel of John before you, let me read a harmony of all the Gospel writers. You will hear the entire account of John as I read.

Harmony of the Gospels, form “One Perfect Life,” compiled by John MacArthur

Jesus’ Trial Before Annas; Peter’s First Denial

Matt. 26:58, 69–70; Mark 14:54, 66–68; Luke 22:54–57; John 18:13–24 LK

Having **arrested** Him, JN they **led Him away** to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year. Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. And Simon Peter followed Jesus MT **at a distance** to the high priest’s courtyard, JN and so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in. MT And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end. LK When they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. JN The servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself. MK Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, gone of the servant girls of the high priest JN who kept the door MK came. And when she saw Peter warming himself LK as he sat by the fire, MK she looked at him LK intently and said, MK “You also were with Jesus of Nazareth. JN You are not also one of this Man’s disciples, are you?” MT But **he denied** it before them all, saying, LK “Woman, JN I am not. LK **I do not know Him**. MK I neither know nor understand what you are saying.” And he went out on the porch, and ja rooster crowed. JN The high priest [Annas] then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. Jesus answered him, “I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said.” And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by **struck** Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, “**Do You answer the**

high priest like that?” Jesus answered him, “If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?” Then **Annas sent Him bound** to Caiaphas the high priest. LK [And] they **led Him and brought Him into the high priest’s house.**

Jesus’ Trial Before Caiaphas

Matt. 26:57, 59–68; Mark 14:53, 55–65 MT

Those who had **laid hold of** Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where MK **all the chief priests, the elders,** and the scribes MT were assembled. MK Now the chief priests and all the council sought MT **false testimony** against Jesus **to put Him to death,** but found none. Even though **many false witnesses** came forward, they found none. MK For many bore false witness against Him, but their **testimonies did not agree.** MT But at last two false witnesses came forward MK and bore false witness against Him, saying, “**We heard Him say,** ‘I will destroy this temple MT of God MK made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.’” But not even then did their testimony agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, “**Do You answer nothing?** What is it these men testify against You?” MT But Jesus kept silent MK and answered nothing. MT And the high priest answered and said to Him, “I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us, MK are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” MT Jesus said to him, “It is as you said. MK I am. MT Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Then the **high priest tore his clothes,** saying, MK “What further need do we have of witnesses? You have heard the **blasphemy** MT He has spoken! MK What do you think?” MT They MK **all condemned** Him MT and said, “He is **deserving of death.**” MK Then some began to **spit** MT in His face MK and to **blindfold** Him, and to beat Him; MT and MK the officers MT **struck** Him with the palms of their hands, saying, “**Prophecy** to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?”

Peter’s Second and Third Denials

Matt. 26:71–75; Mark 14:69–72; Luke 22:58–65; John 18:25–27 LK

And after a little while, MT when [Peter] had gone out to the gateway, MK the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, “This is one of them.” MT Another girl saw him and said to those who were there, “This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth.” LK [And] another saw him and said, “You also are of them.” JN Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, “You are not also one of His disciples, are you?” LK But Peter MK denied it again MT **with an oath,** JN and said, LK “Man, I am not! MT **I do not know the Man!**” MK A little later, LK after about an hour had passed, MT those who stood by came up and said to Peter, “Surely you also are one of them, MK for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it [and] MT betrays you.” LK Another confidently affirmed, saying, “Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean.” JN One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?” MK Then he JN denied again and MK began to curse and swear, LK “Man, I do not know what you are saying! MK I do not know this Man of whom you speak!” LK Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed second time. LK And the Lord turned and looked

at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, MK
“Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.” And when he thought
about it, LK Peter went out and wept bitterly.

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