

**When The Rooster Crows!
Sermon Bible Study Note
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What is a rooster? A male chicken. Roosters are also known as Cockerels or "Cocks". They are known for their crowing sound "Cockadoodledoo" They can crow anytime of the day, but they are best known for the early morning crowing.

Did you know that Jesus used a rooster to get attention of one of his beloved disciples, Peter?

Mark 14:27-31

- 27 And Jesus saith unto them, **All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.**
- 28 **But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee.**
- 29 But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet *will* not I.
- 30 And Jesus saith unto him, **Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.**
- 31 But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

Before we continue our story how God use a rooster to get Peter's attention let's find out a little more of about Peter.

Who is Peter?

Peter is also known as Simon

1. He was left his fishing business to follow Jesus.
2. One of Jesus' most outspoken
3. Walked on water with Jesus
4. Affirmed the Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
5. One of the 3 disciples that saw Jesus glorified
6. Sometimes known as to one to be quick to speak or act without thinking
7. Cut of the ear of one guard who was arresting Jesus
8. Deny Jesus three times
9. Truly repented of his denial of Christ
10. Prominent leader in the gospel movement after the death of Christ

What warning and encouragement did Jesus give Peter?

Luke 22:31-40

- 31 And the Lord said, **Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:**
- 32 **But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.**
- 33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.
- 34 And he said, **I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.**
- 35 And he said unto them, **When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing.**

- 36 Then said he unto them, **But now, he that hath a purse, let him take *it*, and likewise *his* scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.**
- 37 **For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.**
- 38 And they said, Lord, behold, here *are* two swords. And he said unto them, **It is enough.**
- 39 And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.
- 40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, **Pray that ye enter not into temptation.**

Was Peter and the disciples fervently and zealously praying for Jesus and themselves in the time of trial?

Mark 14:35-40

- 35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.
- 36 And he said, **Abba, Father, all things *are* possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.**
- 37 And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, **Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?**
- 38 **Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly *is* ready, but the flesh *is* weak.**
- 39 And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words.
- 40 And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him.

Peter denied Jesus three times before the Roster crowed two times as Jesus predicted.

Mark 14:42-72

- 42 **Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.**
- 43 And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.
- 44 And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead *him* away safely.
- 45 And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, master; and kissed him.
- 46 And they laid their hands on him, and took him.
- 47 And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.
- 48 And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and *with* staves to take me?**
- 49 **I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.**
- 50 And they all forsook him, and fled.
- 51 And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about *his* naked *body*; and the young men laid hold on him:
- 52 And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.
- 53 And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes.

- 54 And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.
- 55 And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none.
- 56 For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together.
- 57 And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying,
- 58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.
- 59 But neither so did their witness agree together.
- 60 And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what *is it which* these witness against thee?
- 61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?
- 62 And Jesus said, **I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.**
- 63 Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses?
- 64 Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death.
- 65 And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.
- 66 And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest:
- 67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth.
- 68 But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew.
- 69 And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is *one* of them.
- 70 And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art *one* of them: for thou art a Galilaeen, and thy speech agreeth *thereto*.
- 71 But he began to curse and to swear, *saying*, I know not this man of whom ye speak.
- 72 And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, **Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.** And when he thought thereon, he wept.

Luke's version

Luke 22:61, 62

61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, **Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.**

62 And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

What was the purpose of Jesus using the rooster?

To get Peter's attention to the truth and his true condition

Peter was still selfish and had a lot of self confidence..

He cared what others thought of him even strangers

Holy Spirit... convicted the heart of Peter

What does the Bible say about trusting ourselves?

Jeremiah 17:5, 6, 9

5 Thus saith the LORD; Cursed *be* the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *in* a salt land and not inhabited

9 The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Proverb 28:26

26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

Matthew 15:19

19 **For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:**

We must FULLY put our trust in God.

Jeremiah 17:7, 8

7 Blessed *is* the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Psalm 34:8

8 O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

Isaiah 26:3, 4

3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed *on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.

4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH *is* everlasting strength:

John 15:5

5 **I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.**

Was the rooster effective?

The holy spirit convicted his heart... Peter was converted... True humility

John 21:13 – 17

13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

14 This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, **Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?** He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, **Feed my lambs.**

16 He saith to him again the second time, **Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?** He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, **Feed my sheep.**

17 He saith unto him the third time, **Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?** Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, **Feed my sheep.**

Does God have roosters crowing today, to get our attention to the truth of His second

coming?

Matthew 24:3 – 8

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you.**

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

Mist of sorrowful and perilous times...

2 Timothy 3:1 - 5

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

As in the days of Noah and Sodom....

Luke 17:26 - 30

26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all.

30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

The ROOSTER is crowing.... What is your response to the truth.....

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