

Peter's Rooster

Scripture Text: Matthew 26

The scene: the night before Jesus' death – late Thursday into early Friday

This event is recorded in all 4 Gospels: Matthew 26, Mark 13 & 14, Luke 22, John 13 & 18

1. Set the Story – Matthew 26:1-30

Ch. 24 & 25 – Jesus is talking about the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the world.

26:1 After He ends this discussion, He foreshadows the rest of the night.

5 Enemies consult to kill Jesus

6-13 Breaking of the Alabaster box

14-16 Judas agrees to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver – the price for a common slave – less than \$20

17-25 Jesus and Disciples at the Last Supper

26-30 The Lord's Supper is instituted

Bread = Body

Juice = Blood

Kev = v. 28

30 They leave to the Mount of Olives

2. Peter Speaks Out – Matthew 26:31-75

31-32 Jesus tells them what will shortly come to pass

33 Peter – being cocky like a rooster – speaks and tries to mean what he says

34 Words of Peter's doom

35 Peter said he would die before he would deny Jesus

Note: All other disciples said this – yet none meant it

Do you think Judas was serious?

36 Jesus at one of His go to places

37 Goes to pray

Do we pray often enough?

39 "If it be possible" – Jesus was not looking forward to what was up next

40-41 Peter fell asleep

Note the emphasis on Peter in this passage

42-43 Prayed a second time

44-45 Prayed a third time

What was His prayer? Unity – John 17

46 As He ends His prayer, He identifies that Judas is about to betray Him

47-56 Betrayal of Judas

- From the beginning, even when Jesus chose Judas, He knew he would betray Him!

- 50 almost tongue-in-cheek

- 51 Who? John 18:10-11 identifies that Peter cut off Malchus' ear

- Possibly didn't name Peter for his sake – he already looks bad for sleeping

- 56 Scripture fulfilled

- All disciples fled

57 Jesus taken

58 Peter stays a little behind

59-61 Could not find any false witnesses so they created a false story

62-63 Jesus knew when to speak, unlike Peter

64 "You said it!"

65-68 Tempting Jesus

69-75 Peter's Denial

69 Peter not outside but inside

Damsel – young, unmarried woman

70 Denial number 1

71 Moves on – maid – girl, with an oath

72 Denial number 2

73 Those around Peter now question him

He would have looked out of place (like me in NYC)

74 Denial number 3 – Peter begins cursing

Immediately the rooster crows

75 Peter remembers the Words of Jesus

Leaves crying

Note: Luke 22:61 – Jesus turned and looked at Peter – possibly through a window

Can you imagine the look of disappointment on Jesus' face?

3. The Rooster

- Created on the 5th day – Gen. 1:21

- Created by God to do a specific job

- Normal day for him

3 Reasons to Remember:

1. God made you for a reason.
2. No one else may think you are important, but you are important to God!
3. You need to do what God says and be faithful to what He wants to do!

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