

## The Gospel Rooster

### Luke 22

#### Jesus and his disciples share the Last Supper

#### Jesus predicts Peter's Denial –

- Satan had asked to sift Peter as wheat.... Vs31
- Jesus prayed that Peter's faith would not fail. Vs32
- Jesus said – WHEN you turn back - Strengthen your brothers....

#### Peter then tells the Lord – I'm ready to go to prison or death with you...Vs33

- Jesus answered, “Before the rooster crows today –
- You WILL DENY three times that you know me!!!”

#### Jesus predicts Judas would betray him

- Calamity awaited the traitor
- Jesus then predicts that Peter would Deny that he knew Jesus
- Later, however, Peter would repent

#### Betraying and denying – one is just about as bad as the other

- But Judas and Peter had entirely different fates
- Because Peter repented.....

#### Jesus Agonizes in the Garden

- Judas leads them to arrest Jesus

#### Jesus then is Betrayed and Arrested –

- They seize Him and take him to the high priest' house
- Peter follows AT a distance

A servant girl says – This man was with Jesus

- Peter denies the first time – “Woman I don't know him!”

Someone else saw him – You are also one of them

- Peter denies the second time- “Man I am NOT!”

An hour later another says – Certainly this man was with Jesus

#### Third time Peter Denies - - - - -

## **Luke 22:60-62 - NIV**

<sup>60</sup> Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, **the rooster crowed**.

<sup>61</sup> The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: **“Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.”** <sup>62</sup> And he went outside and wept bitterly.

The reason we as Christians love to eat chicken is because **it was a rooster who told on Peter!**

- ⇒ So, **Christians have been trying to get even with chickens ever since.**
- ⇒ **This Gospel rooster was a fighting rooster** that keeps his spurs sharp.
- ⇒ **He has preached the same message over and over.**
- ⇒ **His message is still read by millions today!**
- ⇒ I believe he **RULED** his roost.

## **LET ME GIVE YOU 7 Things about this ROOSTER:**

**1. This ROOSTER did what he could do- God never will ask you to do something you cannot do...**

What could the rooster do?....

### **This Rooster Crowed**

- ⇒ He did not do what **he could NOT do**.
- ⇒ He didn't try to bark, sing like a canary, or roar like a lion!
- ⇒ He simply **CROWED**
- ⇒ I believe that every time **Peter** heard a rooster crow, **from that day on, it was a reminder to him of the time he missed God.**
- ⇒ **Every one of us has our own calling.** Some are Pastors, Teachers, Evangelist, Prophets, and Apostles.

**2. This ROOSTER'S job was not considered important by the World's Standards**

They didn't ruffle his feathers.

- ⇒ Some are called to pick up trash
- ⇒ Some are called to preach
- ⇒ Some all called to sing
- ⇒ Some are called to teach
- ⇒ Some are called to drive
- ⇒ Some are called as missionaries
- ⇒ Some are called to be witnesses at work...
- ⇒ **NO JOB IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY OTHER!!!**

His crowing is **NOT** highly esteemed by the world.  
 His crowing **was common** (but didn't stop him).  
 His crowing **seemed foolish**

**1 Corinthians 1:18** NIV For the message of the cross is **foolishness** to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved **it is the power of God**.

### 3. This ROOSTER was not ashamed...and neither should we be!!

**Romans 1:16** NIV I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

- ⇒ He had **crowed before** the Lord used him...now God was using him...
- ⇒ All his crowing didn't embarrass him...**He refused to be ashamed**
- ⇒ His crowing didn't make him want to quit because just one person heard him
- ⇒ God doesn't have any small saints...**we are all important!!**

### 4. This ROOSTER was Faithful! He crowed regardless of who listened.

- ⇒ **He crowed** whether he felt like it or not.
- ⇒ He crowed rain or shine.
- ⇒ He crowed in season or out of season

**2 Timothy 4:2** NIV Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction.

### 5. This ROOSTER was not popular at all

- ⇒ Because he woke sleeping folks up

- ⇒ **In ministry ...** sometime we have to wake sleeping folks up
- ⇒ This rooster woke PETER up...

### 6. He never got discouraged...

- ⇒ Even if **the old Hens** complained
- ⇒ Or the other roosters tried to stop him
- ⇒ He **didn't** look for encouragement from anyone else... **he just did what he had to do**
- ⇒ He never talked to anyone else about what to preach.
- ⇒ He just **did what he had to do.**

His crowing was a lonely job!!!!

### 7. This ROOSTER did his job well...

**Because he preached what, where, and to whom God wanted him to preach.**

- ⇒ Even though **it condemned**
- ⇒ **The rooster accomplished** the task the Lord set before him
- ⇒ Because **HE allowed God** to use him...

**CLOSE: If God can use a ROOSTER...He can use you!!!**

If you think that God can't use you...remember how he used the ROOSTER and how about these that God used to preach the gospel?

**Balam's Donkey – Numbers 22:28 - NIV**

<sup>28</sup> Then the Lord **opened the donkey's mouth**, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?"

**Elijah's Ravens - 1 Kings 17:6 NIV**

**The Rich Man's Dogs - Luke 16:21 NIV**

**Herod's Worms - Acts 12:23**

**Noah's Dove - Genesis 8:11 NIV**

**YOU ARE WORTHY!!!**

**God never will ask you to do something you can not do...**

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**This ROOSTER was Faithful**

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**He never got discouraged**

**This ROOSTER did his job well**

**Let's do what God is calling us to do – don't be ashamed or discouraged**

**Be Faithful - God never will ask you **to do something you cannot do...****