

AWAKENED BY A ROOSTER

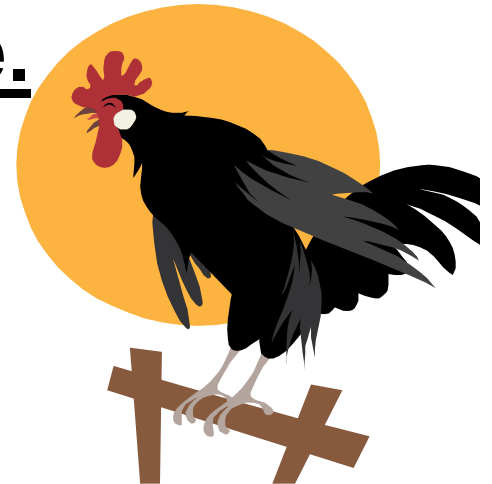
Matthew 26:31-75



Matthew 26:31-75, Summary

1. Jesus foretold that Peter and the other apostles would desert him.
2. Peter denied that he would betray Jesus.
3. Peter even said he would die before he would deny Him.
4. When the ROOSTER crowed, Peter wept bitterly after realizing his failure.

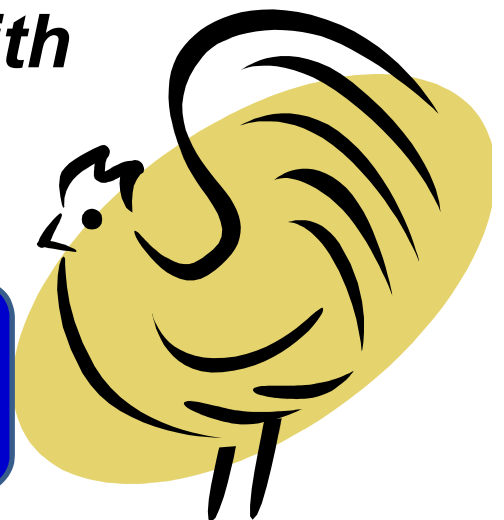
**What Lessons
Can We Learn?**



Never Become To Overconfident!

- **Matthew 26:35**, *“I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee.”*
- **John 21:15**, *“Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee.”*
- **1 Corinthians 10:12**, *“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”*
- **Matthew 7:21**, *“Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven”*

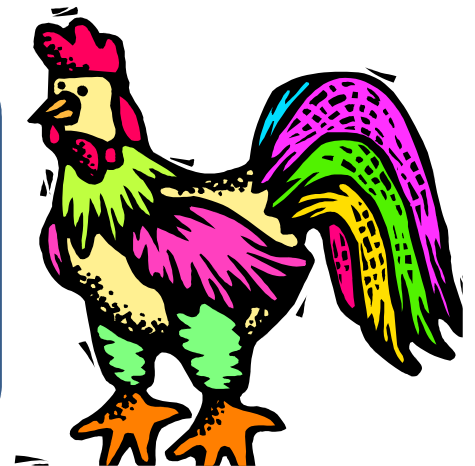
“I’ll Never Forsake My Lord.”



Never Measure Self Apart from Trials

- **Proverbs 24:10**, *“If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.”*
- **Philippians 4:13**, *“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”*
- **1 Timothy 6:12**, *“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life”*
- **2 Corinthians 11:30**, *“If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern my infirmities.”*

We really don't know how strong we can be until our faith is tested!



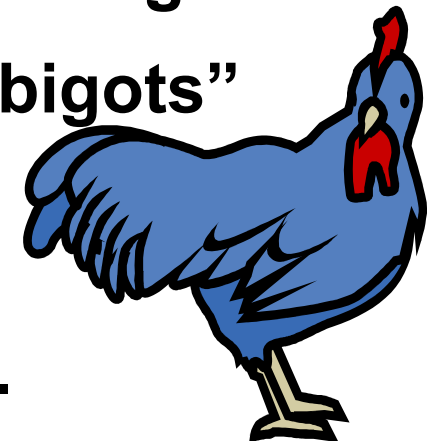
Hear the Crowing!!!

- **Warnings in many ways**
 - Death, Illness, Tragedy, S.E.E.
 - Evil, Immorality, Hatred, Unrighteousness, etc.
- **Warnings everywhere**
 - Country, Business, Home, Church



Heed the Crowing!

- **Proverbs 6:17, Abortion, shed innocent blood**
 - 4,400 babies killed daily, 30 M. since Roe vs. Wade
 - 3rd day of office, current president issued 4 executive orders in support of abortion
- **Romans 1:27, 29, 32, Homosexuality, unlawful**
 - 1st month in office president issued executive order to change, “Don’t Ask & Don’t Tell”, to “Kiss & Tell”
 - Recognition of “Domestic partners & marriages”
 - Christians hailed as “homophobes” & “bigots”
 - Full acceptance of gays & lesbians lifestyle in general and even in churches throughout the country/world.



Heed the Crowing!

- **Hebrews 13:4, Promiscuity, the Bed Defiled**
 - Country lacks moral courage to teach abstinence
 - **U.S.** Surgeon General *“We need to teach our young people what to do in the back seat of a car.”*
 - She also said, *“Every girl that goes on a date should put a condom in her purse.”*
 - Age of sexual consent may drop from age 16 to 12.
 - 52 % of Americans believe premarital sex is OK.
- **Romans 1:22-25, Evolution, Truth to a Lie**
 - Taught as part of nation’s belief system
 - Philosophy, not supported by science
 - Man nothing but an animal



Squawk!

I am Not My Own Man Anymore!

“I fell in love with my country when I was there. I loved it for its decency, for its faith in the wisdom, justice, and goodness of it’s people. I loved it because it was not just a place, but an idea, a cause worth fighting for. I was never the same again: I wasn’t my own man anymore; I was my country’s.”

---John McCain

---Reference: Vietnam POW, @ Rep. Nat. Conv., 2008

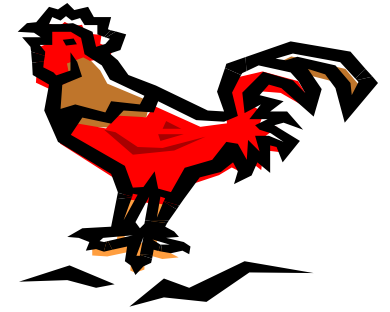
**Shouldn’t we be saying:
“I am not my own person
anymore; I am the Lord’s”**

We Are In The Hands of Satan!

- **We are His captives**
 - 2 Timothy 2:26, Must recover from the, *“snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.”*
- **We must long for something better**
 - Psalm 42:1, *“As the heart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.”*
 - 2 Corinthians 4:17, *“our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory”*

The Final Crowing Will Be Too Late!

- Appointed day, **Acts 17:31**
- All will appear, **2 Corinthians 5:10**
- Books opened, **Revelation 20:12-14**
- Righteous judgment, **Romans 2:5; 1 Peter 2:23**
- All deeds judged, known and not known, **Romans 2:6**
- Day of gain for the faithful, **Philippians 1:21**
- Ungodly tormented forever, **Revelations 14:11**



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- 1. Never become overconfident!**
- 2. Never measure self apart from trials!**
- 3. Hear the crowing!**
- 4. Heed the crowing!**
- 5. Final crowing will be too late!**

**“Let’s Never Take Our
Freedoms For Granted!”**

