

## **IF I COULD TALK TO THE ANIMALS #3 WHEN A ROOSTER PREACHES**

Luke 22 <sup>31</sup> “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. <sup>32</sup> But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

<sup>33</sup> But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.” NIV

It would be the preaching of a rooster that would change the life of Peter forever. The message of the rooster has not changed. He will speak to us all today. What does he say to us?

### **1. “Jesus knows your future testing”**

“Simon, Simon, Satan has ask to sift you as wheat” v31

- a. Satan is asking for you!
- b. He is going to sift you.
- c. You will turn away

v 34 “....before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”

The rooster would say to us...

### **2. “You don’t know yourself as well as you think”.**

v 33 “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death”

We all have said, “I would never do that!”

We say it with such conviction. The truth is we don’t know our own heart.

Jeremiah 17 9 “the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”

The rooster would say....

### **3. “My message has few words; the first is remember”**

Matthew 26 74 ...Immediately a rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup> Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken:

- a. It took a rooster crowing to remind Peter of **what Jesus had said**.
- b. That rooster becomes the loud cry of **conscience**.
- c. The rooster of **conscience confronts us with the truth**.

When Jesus is confronted by the crowd about a woman taken in adultery watch what conscience does with the words of Jesus.

John 8 7...He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.”<sup>8</sup> And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.<sup>9</sup> Then those who heard *it*, being convicted by *their* conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest *even* to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. NKJ

The rooster would say....

**4. “The second word in my message is failure”**

The rooster reminds us “we blew it!”

Matthew 26<sup>74</sup> Then he began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!”

Peter’s failure was he denied his relationship with Jesus 3 times.

Matthew 26 69 a servant girl, “you were with Jesus”

Peter’s response -“I don’t know what you are talking about”

71 another servant girl, “this fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth”

Peter’s response-<sup>72</sup> He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!” NIV

73 those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away.”

Peter’s response-<sup>74</sup> Then he began **to call down curses on himself** and he **swore** to them, “I don’t know the man!”

Calling down curses and swearing was a legal way of seeking to affirm his innocence.

The rooster would say.....

**5. “The third word in my message is repent.”**

Matthew 26<sup>75</sup> Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly. NIV

Those who truly sorrowed for sin, will sorrow upon every memory of it. Some ancients say as long as Peter lived he never heard a rooster crow but it caused him to weep.

Failure can lead to repentance and repentance can lead to the fourth word in the rooster's message.

The rooster would say....

**6. “The fourth word in my message is recovery”**

You are going to make it! Jesus has not given up on you!

Luke 22<sup>32</sup> But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail.

And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

The same Jesus who warned about failure is the same Jesus that predicts our recovery.

- a. You can recover because Jesus has “prayed for you”
- b. You can return because you have not lost “faith”.  
Jesus prayed that Peter's faith would not fail.
- c. Jesus told Peter he would “turn back”  
You too can return!
- d. Strengthen others  
Teach others the lessons you have learned.