

Peter's denial in all four gospels

MARK 14.66-72

While Peter was **below** in the courtyard, **one of the** servant-girls **of the high priest** came **by**. **When she saw Peter** warming himself, **she** stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, **the man from Nazareth**." But he denied it, saying, "I do not know **or understand** what you are talking about." And he went out **into the forecourt**. **Then the cock crowed**. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, **began again** to say to the bystanders, "This man **is one of them**." **But again he denied it**. **Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."** **But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about."** At that moment the cock crowed **for the second time**. Then Peter remembered **that Jesus** had said to him, "Before the cock crows **twice**, you will deny me three times." And he **broke down** and wept.

MATTHEW 26.69-75

Now Peter was **sitting** outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came **to him** and said, "You also were with Jesus **the Galilean**." But he denied it **before all of them**, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." When he went out **to the porch**, another servant-girl **saw** him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man **was with Jesus of Nazareth**." Again he denied it **with an oath, "I do not know the man."** **After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."** **Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!"** At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered **what Jesus** had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And **he went out** and wept **bitterly**.

LUKE 22.54B-62

But Peter was **following at a distance**. **When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them**. Then a servant-girl, seeing him **in the firelight**, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." **A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them."** But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" **Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."** But Peter said, "Man, I do not know **what** you are talking about!" At that moment, **while he was still speaking**, the cock crowed. **The Lord turned and looked at Peter**. Then Peter remembered **the word of the Lord, how he** had said to him, "Before the cock crows **today**, you will deny me three times." And **he went out** and wept **bitterly**.

JOHN 18.15-18, 25-27

Simon Peter **and another disciple** followed Jesus. **Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate**. **So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in**. The woman said to Peter, "You are **not** also one of this man's **disciples, are you?**" He said, "I am not." **Now the slaves and the soldiers had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves**. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

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Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are **not** also one of his **disciples, are you?**" He denied it and said, "I am not." **One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"** Again Peter **denied it**, and at that moment the cock crowed.

