

Read Mark 14:66-72

66 Meanwhile, Peter was in the courtyard below. One of the servant girls who worked for the high priest came by

67 and noticed Peter warming himself at the fire. She looked at him closely and said, “You were one of those with Jesus of Nazareth.”

68 But Peter denied it. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said, and he went out into the entryway. Just then, a rooster crowed.

69 When the servant girl saw him standing there, she began telling the others, “This man is definitely one of them!”

70 But Peter denied it again. A little later some of the other bystanders confronted Peter and said, “You must be one of them, because you are a Galilean.”

71 Peter swore, “A curse on me if I’m lying—I don’t know this man you’re talking about!”

72 And immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Suddenly, Jesus’ words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me.” And he broke down and wept.

Where was Peter (v. 66) In the courtyard below. Jesus’ trial was going on – on the second floor.

What did the servant girl say to Peter (v. 67)? You were with Jesus. **How did Peter respond (v. 68)?** No, I wasn’t. He lied.

What did the servant girl do next (v. 69)? She told the other people standing around that Peter had been with Jesus.

How did Peter respond this time (v. 70)? No, I wasn’t. He lied again.

What did the people standing near Peter say to him? You must be with Jesus because you’re from Galilee, the same place Jesus is from.

How did Peter respond this time (v. 71)? He got really mad and told them they were crazy.

Why did Peter lie? He was scared. He was afraid they might treat him like Jesus if they knew who he really was. **Was his faith weak?** No. If his faith was weak, he wouldn’t have been in the courtyard.

What happened next (v. 72)? The rooster crowed.

What did Peter remember? That Jesus had told him the rooster would crow after Peter denied Him three times.

What did Peter do? He cried. **Why did Peter cry?** He was ashamed that he had not stood up for Jesus.

Are you afraid of standing up for Jesus? Are you afraid of telling other people about Jesus? If you are, confess that to God and ask Him to help you be bold and not afraid.