

## THE SECOND BETRAYER

We are currently studying the seven Truly, Truly messianic doctrines taught by Jesus at the Last Supper (Jn.13:17). In our last lesson we studied the second of the seven messianic doctrines of the Upper Room Discourse (Jn.13:16, 20, 21, 38; 14:12; 16:20, 21).

The fourth Truly, Truly messianic doctrine reveals The Second Betrayer seated at the Last Supper. Peter asked a question and made a statement to Jesus. The fourth Truly, Truly Messianic doctrine was given by Jesus in response to Peter (John 13:36-38).

**This lesson will study three aspects of the revelation of a Second Betrayer seated at the Last Supper.**

### 1. We will begin by examining our lesson text by the following five homiletic points.

- (Jn.13:31-32) **Going to be glorified** – chain reactions between the Son and Father -
- (Jn.13:33) **Going away alone** – presence, absence, and presence again -
- (Jn.13:34-35) **Giving a new commandment** – love one another as I have loved you (a sign to the world)
- (Jn.13:36-37) **Giving one's life for Christ** – I will follow You right now!  
Sight (moral courage) not faith (faith courage/ fight is the Lord's)  
(2 Cor.5:7; 1 Sam.17:37, 45-47) -
- (Jn.13:38) **Giving a sound sign** – sign for the conscience -

### 2. All four gospels write about Peter being The Second Betrayer revealed at the Last Supper. Each gospel gives a special insight to this revelation.

- (Matt.26:31-35) Quotes Zech.13:7 – all disciples agree with Peter about denying Jesus –
- (Mark 14:27-31) Also quotes Zech.13:7 – rooster crows twice before Peter denies three times –
- (Lk.22:31-34) “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; But I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brethren.” (Lk.22:31-32)
- (Jn.13:31-38) Godhead gloried; new commandment of love

### 3. Many bible students are troubled by Mark's account of the rooster crowing twice while everyone else mentions once.

- They all agree that the last crow was the one that caught Peter's attention with his third denial.
- This crowing is where I want to focus my attention under the next five points.

- 1<sup>st</sup>** The rooster's crowing at Peter's third denial brought both guilt and recall of the fourth Truly, Truly messianic doctrine (Jn.13:38; Matt.26:75).
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** Peter third denial fulfilled the first advent of Christ section of Zech.13:7. However, it also included all the disciples and followers of Jesus (sheep).
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** The sound of the rooster's crowing would be the sign of Peter's denials and to other disciple sheep of "scattering" at the death of their Shepherd.

My grandfather used to tell me that you could set your clock on two things: a rooster's crowing and the railroad train. It is interesting to me how Jesus used birds of day #5 in creation to teach this lesson (Matt.6:25-34/ 26-27).

- 4<sup>th</sup>** How Peter deals with the long-term effect of sound of a rooster crowing upon his conscience is important.

Both the happy and traumatic experiences in life have long term effects on conscience and memory.

This is one area of importance of cycling Categorical Bible Doctrine (CBD) (Heb.12:1-2).

Don't you imagine that every morning when Peter heard a rooster crow it brought flash-back guilt with his experience of extreme weeping because of his failure of denials (Matt.26:74b-75).

- 5<sup>th</sup>** The answer is found in the atoning blood of Christ for sin and in the power of forgiveness. They are how you cleanse a guilty conscience.

(Heb.9:14) "How much more will the **blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, **cleanse your conscience** from dead works to serve a living God."

(Heb.10:22) "Let us draw near with a sincere heart in **full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water (Eph.5:26)."

**Through-out cultures of the world, the rooster's morning crowing is a reminder of the beginning of a NEW DAY for YOUR life.**