

## **Mark 14:66-72**

### **Following Him at a Distance**

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“Peter followed Him at a distance” [Mark 14:54](#)

*But Peter followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he sat with the servants and warmed himself at the fire.*

1. This is the window we get to look through see:

1. 3 inquiries about his identity
2. 3 times he will respond with denying that he has anything to do with Jesus
3. With each time getting more intense

3.

Read text - [Mark 14:66-72](#)

*Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came.*

*And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus of Nazareth."*

*But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are saying." And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed.*

*And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, "This is [one] of them."*

*But he denied it again. And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, "Surely you are [one] of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows [it]."*

*Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this Man of whom you speak!"*

*A second time [the] rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And when he thought about it, he wept.*

4.

1st Inquiry & 1st Denial — [Mark 14:66-68](#)

*Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came.*

*And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus of Nazareth."*

*But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are saying." And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed.*

5.

2nd Inquiry & 2nd Denial — [Mark 14:69-70a](#)

*And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, "This is [one] of them."*

*But he denied it again. And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, "Surely you are [one] of them"*

2. [Matt.26:72](#) “But again he denied with an oath, “I do not know the Man!”
3. [Lk 22:59](#) - about an hour

6.

3rd Inquiry & 3rd Denial — [Mark 14:70b-71](#)

*“And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, “Surely you are [one] of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows [it].” Then he began to curse and swear, “I do not know this Man of whom you speak!”*

7.

Interruption of his 3rd denial — [Mark 14:72](#), [Luke 22:60-62](#), [Mark 14:30](#)

*“A second time [the] rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.” And when he thought about it, he wept.”*

*But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are saying!” Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.*

*And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.”*

*So Peter went out and wept bitterly.*

*Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you that today, [even] this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.”*