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# Why did Peter deny knowing Jesus?

## 4. Peter denies Jesus

Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not."

"Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "today - yes - tonight - before the cock crows twice you yourself will disown me three times."

But Peter insisted emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the others said the same.

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 looked closely at him. "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus," she said. But he denied it. "I don't know or understand what you're talking about," he said, and went out into the entrance. When the servant-girl saw him there, she said again to those standing round them, "This fellow is one of them." Again he denied it.

After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know this man you're talking about." Immediately the cock crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the words Jesus had spoken to him: "Before the cock crows twice you will disown me three times." And he broke down and wept.

Mark 14:66-72

