

“THE ROOSTER BEGAN TO CROW”

By Dan Price



**There were eleven others
We were close, almost like kindred brothers.
We discussed who would be great, or the least,
But we were on our way to the Passover Feast.**

**At the dinner table,
Jesus said one would betray Him.
We asked, “Is it I?”
Then Judas eyes looked bleak and dim!
We headed for the garden
and Jesus went to pray.
Our eyes were heavy, long had been the day.**

**Dawn was breaking and the rooster began to crow.
Peter left the courtyard and wept beyond control.
They had all left and deserted the Holy One,
Yet three times he denied God’s Beloved Son.**

**How could a man like him even falter?
Why, he even walked with Him on water!
But we are all like a jewel or a diamond in the rough,
Tried, pressured, polished, then the brilliance shines, sure enough!**

**It’s true that Peter loved God’s Son sent down as a man.
This Jesus still reaches with outstretched hands.
We may fall, we may falter, we may even fail,
But His love and mercy forgives, it still prevails!**

**His love and His mission are still true.
The miracles that Jesus can still do!
We may feel like Peter when he heard the rooster crow,
Christ still forgives, dries our tears, He’s the Savior in control!
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**Matt.26:33-34 “Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will”
“I tell you the truth”, Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows,
you will disown me three times.”**

**Mark 16:7 “But go, tell his disciples and Peter, “He is going ahead of you into
Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”**

**John 21:16 “Again Jesus said, “Simon [Peter] son of John, do you truly love me?”
He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”**

Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

“THE VEIL OF TEARS”

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**They came to weep and mourn
beside a lonely grave,
Not realizing that He’d died for
the souls He would save!
Crying through their thin veils of
tears over their loss,
They remembered the agony and
fear as they bowed at the Cross.**



**Feeling overwhelmed with sadness as they neared, but, a Voice!
He was saying, “I’m alive! When I died, it was My choice!
Go quickly now! Tell the others so they may know,
I’ll dry your faces with your veils, no need for tears to flow!”**

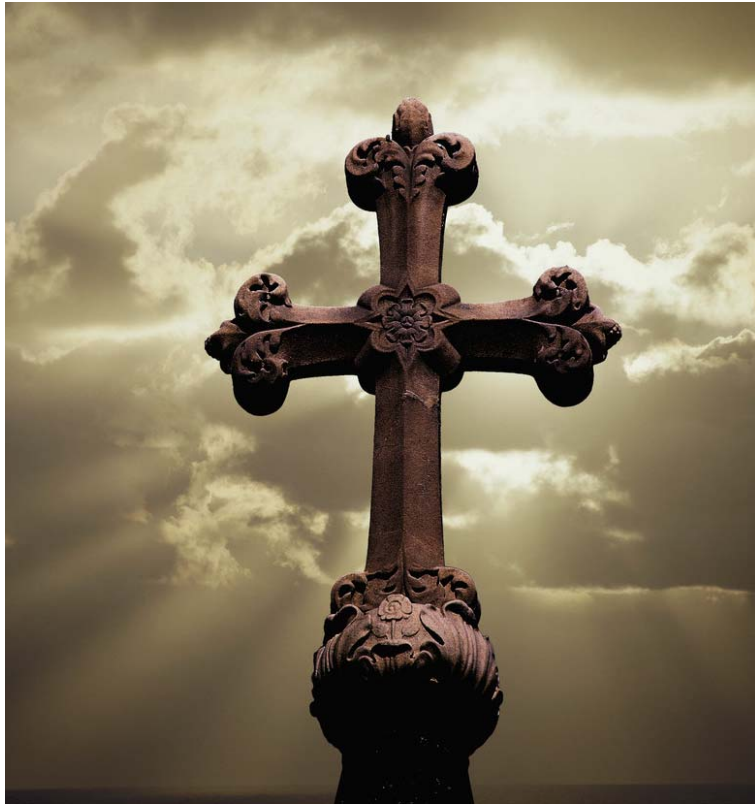
**Off they ran, the veils now turning to streamers of joy,
Telling all they met of the Risen Savior, His rising to Glory!
Although all of our tears may dim the eye, making it hard to see,
These afflictions we suffer, work to make us what He wants us to be!**

**So now, when we find ourselves wrapped in a veil of tears,
Take them all to Jesus! He is the only One who can heal our fears!
Let that veil become a towel of comfort and peace,
God’s love and powerful strength cause the tears to cease.**

**The veil that once blinded our eyes with a flood of tears
Is used by our Lord to encourage us, as through it He appears!
No matter what we suffer, be it sorrow, loss or pain,
He will always be with us, giving us sunshine after our tears fell like rain!**

**Many are the afflictions make their way into every righteous life,
But if we are trusting in our Lord in those times of strife,
He will comfort our hearts, and then He shows us His way,
As we rest in His love and give Him our veil of tears today!**

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**Matt.11:28 “Come unto to Me,
all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.”**

John 11:25-26 “Jesus said unto her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even tho he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.

Do you believe this?” “Yes, Lord,” she told Him.

“I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

John 16:33 KJV “These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: But be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

“THEY WALKED WITH JESUS”

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He came thru their villages on a warm and windy day,
Preaching about the Kingdom of God,
and to show them His Way.
Many people brought their loved ones,
the lame and the ill,
Jesus looked at them with mercy
and healed them on that blessed hill!

He healed some people, who were wildly demon possessed,
Who then walked with Jesus and gave Him their very best!
Those caught in the very act of sin were condemned by others,
Not even considering, they would *soon be their sisters and brothers!*

Some had esteemed positions and plenty of wealth!
They were good stewards and walked in fine health.
Though they were affluent, *now knew they needed a new start*
When they listened to Jesus and faith rose in their heart!

Now many walked with Jesus thru each village and town,
Promising to serve Him faithfully, not to let Him down!
They even followed Him to the foot of the Cross,
And sat grieving over what they thought was an awful loss!

On the third day, with great sadness, to the tomb they came,
Before knowing their lives would never again be the same!
For the Angel appeared to announce *He was no longer there,*
And to go quickly now, to the disciples with Good News to share!

As they waited in the Upper Room for the Master's call,
A mighty Wind blew and the Fire of Pentecost began to fall!
They were filled with the Spirit power and a joy so great,
They wanted to tell everyone, *they just couldn't wait!*

They walked with Jesus faithfully each day of their life.
It didn't matter what they faced, be it peace or full of strife!
The Believers were busy, full of good works serving our Lord,
Overcoming trials, while endeavoring to live in one accord.

Since the Early Church was so mighty in Word and in deed,
We too, should see that love and zeal is really what we need!
To be fruitful and faithful should be our daily desire,
As we ask, *“Dear Jesus, fill us with Your Holy Spirit Fire!”*

Matt.4:23- 5:2 Matt 28:1-10 Acts 2:1-4, 38-40

Matt.28:6 a “He is not here; He has risen, just as He said”

Acts 2:42a “They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship.”