

Missional Community Schedule and Study Guide

Winter 2011-12

Got Hope?

Habakkuk: Questions for God

Lent

Missional Community Introduction

The purpose of the missional community ministry is to create a structure in which Holy Trinity Church Hyde Park is **in community** and **on mission**. It is our conviction that the gospel calls us to be a community on mission. This is to say that through the gospel of Jesus Christ God creates the Church as a community that is called to participate in the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

For this reason, the missional community schedule is intentionally structured in such a way that the participants are involved in these dual commitments. It is also meant to be a simple and rhythmic 4-week pattern that minimizes confusion and can become second nature. The terms used in the schedule and the interruptions to the schedule are explained below.

The weeks that are designated **Bread and Prayer** are intended for fellowship through shared meals and prayer for one another. These weeks are also intended to provide opportunities for the missional communities to plan upcoming ministry activities and pray for those to whom they are ministering.

The weeks that are designated **Word and Prayer** are dedicated to the communal study and application of the biblical texts that are preached in the Sunday gatherings. This study of God's word will always be accompanied by prayer for grace to understand and obey the word.

The weeks that are designated **Mission and Prayer** are devoted to praying for and executing planned ministry activities. These activities will include missional community outreach events and service projects.

The **Flock Gatherings** will consist of combined missional community gatherings in the homes of Holy Trinity Church elders. These weeks are intended to build unity within the congregation by increasing interaction between the members and leaders of the congregation.

Missional Community Calendar—Fall 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon Text</u>	<u>Missional Community Activity</u>
Dec 4	Luke 1:5-25	Word and Prayer
Dec 11	Luke 1:26-38	Bread and Prayer
Dec 18	Luke 1:46-56	Word and Prayer
Dec 25	Luke 2:1-7	Mission and Prayer
Jan 1	TBD	Word and Prayer
Jan 8	Habakkuk 1:1-4	Flock Gathering
Jan 15	Habakkuk 1:5-11	Word and Prayer
Jan 22	Habakkuk 1:12-2:1	Mission and Prayer
Jan 29	TBD	Word and Prayer
Feb 5	Habakkuk 2:2-20	Bread and Prayer
Feb 12	Habakkuk 3:1-16	Word and Prayer
Feb 19	Habakkuk 3:17-19	Mission and Prayer
Feb 26	Mark 1:9-13	Word and Prayer
Mar 4	Mark 8:31-38	Bread and Prayer
Mar 11	John 2:13-22	Word and Prayer
Mar 18	John 6:4-15	Mission and Prayer
Mar 25	John 12:20-33	Word and Prayer
Apr 1	Mark 14:32-72	Flock Gathering
Apr 8	Mark 16:1-8	Word and Prayer

Winter Sermon Series

The HTC Hyde Park pastors will preach an Advent series entitled **Got Hope?** This will be followed by a series through the book of **Habakkuk: Questions for God** and a Lenten season series that will follow lectionary texts. Our community studies will seek to uncover riches from God's word that will aid us in our understanding of and obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ. The studies in this booklet will take us through Easter.

Sunday Sermons

Each Sunday you will hear a sermon based on the same text as the missional community study. Our prayer is that the sermon will be a helpful resource for understanding and applying the biblical text. The Sunday sermon will also be available online at <http://www.htcchicago.org/learn/sermons/> for those unable to make the service or for those who would like to listen again.

Resources

Resources provided through Holy Trinity Church:

In order to help you grow in God's word, we will provide you with the following resources:

1. *The biblical text* – The attached studies have the applicable biblical text printed. Our study efforts are primarily focused on the biblical text.
2. *Personal study questions* – The studies contain questions for each week. Use them during the week to help you go deeper into the biblical text. Read through the text several times and answer the questions to the best of your ability. As things come to mind when interacting with the biblical text, make them a matter of prayer and application.

If you would like to continue studying these texts in depth, we recommend the following resources:

- 1) [Habakkuk \(The Anchor Yale Bible Commentaries\)](#) by Francis I. Andersen
- 2) [The Books of Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah \(New International Commentary on the Old Testament\)](#) by O. Palmer Robertson
- 3) [Minor Prophets II \(New International Biblical Commentary\)](#) by [John Goldingay](#) and Pamela J. Scalise
- 4) [Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah \(Wycliffe Exegetical Commentary\)](#) by [Richard Duane Patterson](#)
- 5) [Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah \(OTL\)](#) by [J. J. M. Roberts](#)

Luke 1:5-25 (ESV)

[5] In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. [6] And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. [7] But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

[8] Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, [9] according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. [10] And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. [11] And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. [12] And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. [13] But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. [14] And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, [15] for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. [16] And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, [17] and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

[18] And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” [19] And the angel answered him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. [20] And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.” [21] And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. [22] And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. [23] And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

[24] After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, [25] “Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people.”

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Luke 1:26-38 (ESV)

[26] In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, [27] to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. [28] And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" [29] But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. [30] And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. [31] And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. [32] He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, [33] and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

[34] And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

[35] And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. [36] And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. [37] For nothing will be impossible with God." [38] And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

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Luke 1:46-56

[46] And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
[47] and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
[48] for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
[49] for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
[50] And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
[51] He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
[52] he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
[53] he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
[54] He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
[55] as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”
[56] And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

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Luke 2:1-7

[2:1] In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. [2] This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. [3] And all went to be registered, each to his own town. [4] And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, [5] to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. [6] And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. [7] And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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Habakkuk 1:1-4

[1:1] The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

[2] O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

[3] Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

[4] So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.

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Habakkuk 1:5-11

- [5] “Look among the nations, and see;
wonder and be astounded.
For I am doing a work in your days
that you would not believe if told.
- [6] For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans,
that bitter and hasty nation,
who march through the breadth of the earth,
to seize dwellings not their own.
- [7] They are dreaded and fearsome;
their justice and dignity go forth from themselves.
- [8] Their horses are swifter than leopards,
more fierce than the evening wolves;
their horsemen press proudly on.
Their horsemen come from afar;
they fly like an eagle swift to devour.
- [9] They all come for violence,
all their faces forward.
They gather captives like sand.
- [10] At kings they scoff,
and at rulers they laugh.
They laugh at every fortress,
for they pile up earth and take it.
- [11] Then they sweep by like the wind and go on,
guilty men, whose own might is their god!”

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Habakkuk 1:12-2:1

[12] Are you not from everlasting,
O LORD my God, my Holy One?
We shall not die.
O LORD, you have ordained them as a judgment,
and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof.
[13] You who are of purer eyes than to see evil
and cannot look at wrong,
why do you idly look at traitors
and remain silent when the wicked swallows up
the man more righteous than he?
[14] You make mankind like the fish of the sea,
like crawling things that have no ruler.
[15] He brings all of them up with a hook;
he drags them out with his net;
he gathers them in his dragnet;
so he rejoices and is glad.
[16] Therefore he sacrifices to his net
and makes offerings to his dragnet;
for by them he lives in luxury,
and his food is rich.
[17] Is he then to keep on emptying his net
and mercilessly killing nations forever?
[2:1] I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

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Habakkuk 2:2-20

- [6] Shall not all these take up their taunt against him, with scoffing and riddles for him, and say,
“Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own—
for how long?—
and loads himself with pledges!”
- [7] Will not your debtors suddenly arise,
and those awake who will make you tremble?
Then you will be spoil for them.
- [8] Because you have plundered many nations,
all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you,
for the blood of man and violence to the earth,
to cities and all who dwell in them.
- [9] “Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house,
to set his nest on high,
to be safe from the reach of harm!
- [10] You have devised shame for your house
by cutting off many peoples;
you have forfeited your life.
- [11] For the stone will cry out from the wall,
and the beam from the woodwork respond.
- [12] “Woe to him who builds a town with blood
and founds a city on iniquity!
- [13] Behold, is it not from the LORD of hosts
that peoples labor merely for fire,
and nations weary themselves for nothing?
- [14] For the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
- [15] “Woe to him who makes his neighbors drink—
you pour out your wrath and make them drunk,
in order to gaze at their nakedness!
- [16] You will have your fill of shame instead of glory.
Drink, yourself, and show your uncircumcision!
The cup in the LORD's right hand
will come around to you,
and utter shame will come upon your glory!
- [17] The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you,
as will the destruction of the beasts that terrified them,
for the blood of man and violence to the earth,
to cities and all who dwell in them.
- [18] “What profit is an idol
when its maker has shaped it,
a metal image, a teacher of lies?
For its maker trusts in his own creation
when he makes speechless idols!
- [19] Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake;

to a silent stone, Arise!
Can this teach?
Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,
and there is no breath at all in it.
[20] But the LORD is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him.”

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Habakkuk 3:1-16

- [3:1] A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth.
[2] O LORD, I have heard the report of you,
and your work, O LORD, do I fear.
In the midst of the years revive it;
in the midst of the years make it known;
in wrath remember mercy.
- [3] God came from Teman,
and the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah
His splendor covered the heavens,
and the earth was full of his praise.
- [4] His brightness was like the light;
rays flashed from his hand;
and there he veiled his power.
- [5] Before him went pestilence,
and plague followed at his heels.
- [6] He stood and measured the earth;
he looked and shook the nations;
then the eternal mountains were scattered;
the everlasting hills sank low.
His were the everlasting ways.
- [7] I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction;
the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.
- [8] Was your wrath against the rivers, O LORD?
Was your anger against the rivers,
or your indignation against the sea,
when you rode on your horses,
on your chariot of salvation?
- [9] You stripped the sheath from your bow,
calling for many arrows. Selah
You split the earth with rivers.
- [10] The mountains saw you and writhed;
the raging waters swept on;
the deep gave forth its voice;
it lifted its hands on high.
- [11] The sun and moon stood still in their place
at the light of your arrows as they sped,
at the flash of your glittering spear.
- [12] You marched through the earth in fury;
you threshed the nations in anger.
- [13] You went out for the salvation of your people,
for the salvation of your anointed.
You crushed the head of the house of the wicked,
laying him bare from thigh to neck. Selah
- [14] You pierced with his own arrows the heads of his warriors,
who came like a whirlwind to scatter me,
rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret.

[15] You trampled the sea with your horses,
the surging of mighty waters.
[16] I hear, and my body trembles;
my lips quiver at the sound;
rottenness enters into my bones;
my legs tremble beneath me.
Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble
to come upon people who invade us.

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Habakkuk 3:17-19

[17] Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,
[18] yet I will rejoice in the LORD;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
[19] GOD, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.
To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

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Mark 1:9-13

[9] In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. [10] And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. [11] And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

[12] The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. [13] And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

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Mark 8:31-38

[31] And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. [32] And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. [33] But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

[34] And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. [35] For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. [36] For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? [37] For what can a man give in return for his soul? [38] For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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John 2:13-22

[13] The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. [14] In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. [15] And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. [16] And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." [17] His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

[18] So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" [19] Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." [20] The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" [21] But he was speaking about the temple of his body. [22] When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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John 6:4-15

[4] Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. [5] Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" [6] He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. [7] Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." [8] One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, [9] "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" [10] Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. [11] Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. [12] And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." [13] So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. [14] When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

[15] Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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John 12:20-33

[20] Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. [21] So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” [22] Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. [23] And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. [24] Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. [25] Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. [26] If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

[27] “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ But for this purpose I have come to this hour. [28] Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” [29] The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” [30] Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. [31] Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. [32] And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” [33] He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

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Mark 14:32-72

[32] And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." [33] And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. [34] And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." [35] And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. [36] And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." [37] And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? [38] Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." [39] And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. [40] And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. [41] And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. [42] Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

[43] And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. [44] Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." [45] And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. [46] And they laid hands on him and seized him. [47] But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. [48] And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? [49] Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." [50] And they all left him and fled.

[51] And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, [52] but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

[53] And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. [54] And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. [55] Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. [56] For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. [57] And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, [58] "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" [59] Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. [60] And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" [61] But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" [62] And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." [63] And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? [64] You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. [65] And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" And the guards received him with blows.

[66] And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, [67] and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." [68] But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor

understand what you mean.” And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. [69] And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” [70] But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.” [71] But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.” [72] And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

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Mark 16:1-8

[16:1] When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. [2] And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. [3] And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” [4] And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. [5] And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. [6] And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. [7] But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” [8] And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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