

Narration (NIV) from Luke 22:47-62
A dramatic reading for Palm Sunday

(Jesus Arrested in Garden of Gethsemane)

While Jesus was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus asked him, **"Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"**

When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, **"Lord, should we strike with our swords?"** And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

But Jesus answered, **"No more of this!"** And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, **"Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns."**

Then seizing Him, they led Him away and took Him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, **"This man was with him."**

But he denied it. **"Woman, I don't know him."**

A little later someone else saw him and said, **"You also are one of them."**

"Man, I am not!"

About an hour later another asserted, **"Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."**

Peter replied, **"Man, I don't know what you're talking about!"** Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: **"Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times."** And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Cast:

Narrator: _____

Jesus: _____

Jesus' Follower: _____

Peter: _____

Girl identifying Peter: _____

Second person identifying Peter: _____

Third Person identifying Peter: _____