

Passion Play – 2025 Guard 3 Script (12.10.24)

Act III—Scene 1: Peter's Denial

JESUS: I have spoken openly in the synagogues and Temple courts where all Jews come to be taught. Why are you asking me when you could ask the ones who have heard me?

[GUARD 2 steps up.]

GUARD 2: *(Slaps JESUS)* Is that the way to answer the high priest!

JESUS: If I am wrong, show the evidence. If not, then why am I punished?

ANNAS: If you won't tell us, we will hear... witnesses!

[ANNAS leaves for a moment.]

GUARD 3: *(To PETER)* Aren't you the one that attacked Malchus in the garden tonight?

PETER: You are mistaken.

SERVANT WOMAN: You must be! You are a Galilean! You're accent gives you away. You must be one of his disciples.

PETER: Do you think I know every preacher in Galilee! I don't know him! I swear it!

SERVANT WOMAN: Why so defensive? Do you feel guilty?

PETER: Are you trying to get me killed? I swear I do not know Him!

[Rooster crows]

PETER: *(Looking at Jesus)* Oh, no! Oh, my Lord, no, NO!

(ECHOING AND SPECTACULAR AUDIO EFFECTS)

SERVANT WOMAN: He is one of them. One of that man's disciples!

JESUS: Before the rooster crows, you will have denied me three times...

PETER: *(As he is leaving)* What have I done!