



- 12.07.14 The Ghost of Christmas Past
- 12.14.14 The Joy of Christmas Present
- 12.21.14 The Hope of Christmas Future
- 12.24.14 The Christmas Story

Something happened that _____ have happened.
 Something _____ happen that should have.

I. The Ghost of Past _____

⁶⁰ Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ 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.” ⁶² And he went outside and wept bitterly. Luke 22:60-62

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. II Corinthians 7:10

¹³ When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived,

it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. James 1:13-15

II. The Ghost of Past _____

¹ By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. Psalm 137:1

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ² to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. Isaiah 61:1-3

- **Jesus came the first Christmas to make right what is _____ with this Christmas.**

NEXT STEPS for The Ghost of Christmas Past:

- Release to Jesus whatever makes you sad this Christmas.
- Give sacrificially to today’s World Mission Offering.
- Experience the Spirit of Christmas tonight at the Hanging of the Green Service.
- Ask a friend to join you next week for Week 2 of “The Spirit of Christmas.”