Betrayed and Denied

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INTRODUCTION

- You can look back upon the trajectory of your life and realize that you are where you are, largely because of decisions that you made at important chapters in your life.
- This morning I'd like to talk about two biblical characters. One who betrayed his Lord, and another who denied his Lord.
- How we react to them will decide the end point of our lives.

1 They Were Both Taught

Acts 1:21–22; Matthew 7:21–22

- They both had the same opportunities to learn and to see.
- Just think about what these two men, Judas and Peter, got to witness in the three years of their life that they spent with their and our Savior.
- They got to see him interact with all types of people.
- Not everyone who says to me, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in heaven.
- Judas prophesied in his name. Judas cast out demons in his name and did many wonders in his name.

2 Both of These Men Committed Wrongs

John 12:3–6

- But both of these men, despite that knowledge and those privileges, both of these men committed wrongs.
- And then a third time, as Jesus stood there within eyesight, and probably earshot of him, Peter would curse and swear, I don't know the man.
- He said, not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief.
- Why would he later betray his Lord? It was money.
- Our sins that are not dealt with properly are going to lead to greater sins and greater separation from our Lord.

3 Both Were Warned of the Dangers of Their Sin

Matthew 26:21–25; Luke 22:31–33

- Both Judas and Peter were warned of the dangers of their sin.
- Assuredly I say to you, one of you will betray me.
- Simon, indeed Satan has asked for you that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you that your faith should not fail.
- Judas still betrayed him. And Peter still denied him.

- What lessons can I learn? What applications have I missed?

4 They Were Both Sorry That They Had Sinned

- They were both sorry that they had sinned.
- He took all of those 30 pieces of silver back and said, I don't want this money. He was sorry for what he did.
- The very next thing he did is he went out and he wept bitterly.

5 Where Their Paths Began to Separate

2 Corinthians 7:10

- Wasn't enough that they were sorry and they regretted what they did.
- Will we let that guilt and anguish just consume us?
- Or will we, like Peter, run to him and repent of our sin?
- In each one of us, we can see a little bit of Judas and a little bit of Peter, if we're honest.
- Jesus would have forgiven Judas as well.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **You're at a crossroads in your life. What will you do? What will you do with your Lord? What will you do with the sin that you've committed? Would you come to him this morning?**

MY NOTES