Such Disappointing Characters

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INTRODUCTION

- As a child of God, most of all, we've missed the Lord's Day.
- But it's disappointing because of the behavior of the twelve apostles.
- And I want us to learn some lessons from these disappointing characters. And for us to maybe learn from their negative example and to not be that disappointing character in the life of Christ in our experience.

1 The Greed of Judas

Mark 14:12–21; John 12:3–6; 1 Timothy 6:9–10

- Assuredly I say to you, one of you who eats with me will betray me.
- This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief. And he had the money box, and he used to take what was put in it.
- It was all about money for Judas.
- But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.
- Being close to Jesus isn't a guarantee that we won't betray Jesus. In fact, if you think about it, you have to be close to someone to truly betray them.

2 The Disciples' Ignorance and Selfishness

Luke 22:24–30

- The disciples were a disappointment to our Lord because of their ignorance and their selfishness.
- Now there was also a dispute among them as to which of them should be considered the greatest.
- He who is greatest among you, let him be the servant.
- Yet I am among you as the one who serves.
- This is a different kingdom. This is a kingdom of service, not of selfishness.

3 Peter's Arrogance and Ultimate Denial

Matthew 26:31–35; 1 Corinthians 10:12

- Even if all are made to stumble because of you, I will never be made to stumble.
- Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.
- Let Peter ever stand as a warning to you against overconfidence and missing the application.
- Let him who thinks he stands. Take heed lest he fall. That can be me.

THE CHALLENGE

And don't let the disappointments in your life cause you to ultimately fail and lose. In other words, don't be a Judas. Be a Peter.

MY NOTES