

BETRAYAL AND DENIAL ~ JOHN 18:1-27

→ Scripture - Matt. 26:47-53,56 Matt. 27:3-5

JUDAS BETRAYS JESUS ~ John 18:1-11

[1] When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, and he and his disciples went into it. [2] Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. [3] So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons. [4] Jesus, knowing ALL that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?" [5] "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) [6] When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. [7] Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." [8] "I told you that I am he," Jesus answered. "If you are looking for me, then let these men go." [9] This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me." [10] Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) [11] Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

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A HUGE CONTRAST...

Judas...

- Disloyal, Unfaithful
- Driven by his Greed
- Focused ONLY on HIMSELF

Jesus...

- Trustworthy and Faithful
- Driven by His Love
- Focused on OTHERS

→ God is much more interested in our HOLINESS ...than He is in our Happiness.

John 12:25 (NLT) Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who despise their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (NLT) ...Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. [15] He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

PETER DENIES JESUS ~ John 9:12-23

[12] Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him [13] and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. [14] Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it would be good if one man died for the people. [15] Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, [16] but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the girl on duty there and brought Peter in. [17] "You are not one of his disciples, are you?" the girl at the door asked Peter. He replied, "I am not." [18] It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself. [19] Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. [20] "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. [21] Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said." [22] When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby struck him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded. [23] "If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what

is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?" [24] Then Annas sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high priest. [25] As Simon Peter stood warming himself, he was asked, "You are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it, saying, "I am not." [26] One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the olive grove?" [27] Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

APPLICATION

→ **Denial** - to Reject or Renounce someone

→ **Denial - hiding that we belong to God**

Luke 9:23-26 (NLT) Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must **turn from your selfish ways**, take up your cross daily, and follow me. [24] If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. [25] And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed? [26] If anyone is ashamed of me and my message, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in his glory and in the glory of the Father and the holy angels.

Romans 1:16 (NLT) For I am NOT ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes - the Jew first and also the Gentile.

TAKE AWAY ??

Matthew 27:3-5 (NIV) When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with REMORSE and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. [4] "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility." [5] So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

→ **REMORSE** - to feel Regret, Shame, or Guilt

Luke 22:60-62 (NIV) 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.

→ **REPENTANCE** - to turn away from sin and turn back to God

1 John 1:9 (NIV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my SOUL, my LIFE, my ALL.*