

CCC Message Notes

"The Betrayer Betrays, the Denier Is Warned" - John 13:18-38
Don't Look Too Closely at Judas or Peter - the Resemblance May Be Disturbing
"The Gospel of John" series - part 27
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THEME

(The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

As Jesus' last night of freedom unfolds, two key players in the story get exposed.

APPLICATION

(What to Do with What You Hear)

Don't be surprised when sometimes you're disheartened by the Judas & Peter in you.

FOCUS

(The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

Have you ever been surprised by something you learned about yourself ... sometimes in an encouraging way, sometimes in a discouraging way? Do you ever feel frustrated all the way to frightened at how real it is that you need the Lord? Do you sometimes look in the mirror & think you see Judas or Peter looking back at you? Me too.

This morning we find our way to the passage of scripture in John 13 where Judas & Peter have the spotlight put on them. I've never seen any verses from this passage in any promise boxes or loaves you might find at a Christian bookstore.

As we consider what we hear today, may God encourage us concerning how much as it pertains to the dark side like Judas or Peter we can be. Let's be sure we don't miss how able God is to give us grace to let Him have His way in spite of it.

Remember, this all takes place on the night Jesus gets arrested. Staggering.

What We Can Learn from Judas & Peter ...

1. The REAL US eventually COMES OUT.

Time & truth go hand in hand. When someone gets squeezed, it can be ugly.
John 13:18-30

2. BETRAYAL isn't BEYOND ANY ONE of US.

Don't be deceived. We can be much like Judas in many, many ways.
John 13:21-25

3. DENYING JESUS can be FRIGHTENINGLY EASY.

Don't kid yourself. Flesh is flesh whether a Christian or not.
John 13:38

4. If you STUMBLE, do not STAY DOWN.

One of the biggest differences between Judas & Peter is three days.
Luke 22:31-33

Making It Real Questions

- * Have you come to the place in your life where you know this to be true?
- * Are you convinced no one is beyond doing anything wrong including this?
 - * Or this?
- * Can you see how important this is / that getting back up is God's grace on display?

Action Step

Review this outline & ask God which point you need to revisit in prayer.