

**Opening Passage: Psalms 145:8-13****Review**

W1: Woman at the Well

W2: Nicodemus

W3: Zacchaeus

W4: The Woman Who Had to Get to Jesus

W5: Peter &amp; Judas

**PETER & JUDAS:**

- They were both called to be His disciples.
- They both got to experience Jesus personally.
- They witnessed His amazing miracles again and again (John 21:25).
- They saw His love, compassion, mercy, miracles, and truth.
- Both experienced this, and both betrayed Jesus—one was restored, and one wasn't.

**THE STORY:****Peter:**

- Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law (Matthew 8; Mark 1; Luke 4).
- He is called to follow Jesus (Matthew 4:18-20).
- He walks on water but sinks (Matthew 14:22-33).
- Peter declares Jesus as the Messiah (Matthew 16:13-20).
- Peter rebukes Jesus for saying He would die (Matthew 16:21-23).
- Peter sees Jesus transformed (Matthew 17:1-8).
- And more (Rough Cut series on Peter).

**Judas:**

- Judas is called to be His disciple (Luke 6:12-16).
- Judas and the other disciples are sent out to preach, heal, and cast out demons (Matthew 10:1-8).
- Judas was the treasurer (John 12:4-6).

**Through the story:****John 13:1-5:**

Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end.<sup>[a]</sup><sup>2</sup> It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas,<sup>[b]</sup> son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.<sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God.<sup>4</sup> So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist,<sup>5</sup> and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

- Jesus is arrested.
- Peter tries fighting.
- Peter denies Jesus (Matthew 26:73).
- Judas shows remorse (Matthew 27:1-4).
- Jesus dies for our salvation (Isaiah 53:3-5).

## **BREAK IT DOWN:**

- Both men experienced Jesus, followed Him, and were on mission. One denied Him, one betrayed Him.
- Both were filled with remorse, but their stories turned out very differently.

### **Peter:**

- He failed but didn't give up—he got back with the other followers.
- Later, Jesus rose and revealed Himself to the disciples and Peter over 40 days.
- He then went to Peter and asked him, "Do you love Me?"
- Jesus then returned to heaven, and Peter became a powerful leader.
- He delivered a powerful message of repentance, sharing that there is forgiveness.

**Acts 2:37:** Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."

**1 Peter 1:18-22:** For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake. Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory. You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters.<sup>[a]</sup> Love each other deeply with all your heart.

### **Judas:**

- It says he was filled with remorse and showed regret, but he didn't go back with the other followers.
- The Bible reveals that he didn't make it to heaven.
- He could have found forgiveness, but he chose to turn inward with his remorse instead of turning to God.

## **TRUTHS FROM THE STORY:**

### **2 Corinthians 7:10**

For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.

- Compromise:
- Satan is on the prowl (1 Peter 5:8).

### **The enemy's tactics:**

- He will tempt you (Judas — money). What's yours?
- He will puff you up (Pharisees).
- He will beat you down and make you think there is no hope.
- He will distract you.

