

Day 5

Jesus Loves the Betrayer & Denier

Today's Focus: *Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. (2 Corinthians 7:10 NIV)*

I'm going to bring it back to high school days and whip out the good ol' Venn Diagram to compare and contrast Judas and Peter's response to their own betrayal- after all this is the one comparison we don't want to misunderstand.

We have spent the last week getting to know these men and their relationships with Jesus. Now, it is time to bring it all together and produce our take away from the week: Jesus loved both of these men and yet only one experienced repentance, leading to the saving of his soul.

Today, my hope is you see the blatant difference between repentance and remorse through the lives of Judas and Peter and then choose to walk as Peter did because this is your salvation. Below, I have listed the directions for the diagram you will complete.

Directions for the Venn Diagram: Locate the diagram on the last page of today's study. **You will label the left circle "Judas."** This will be where you record everything you witness in Scripture of his betrayal of Jesus. Next, you will **label the right circle "Peter."** This is where you record everything you witness in Scripture related to his denial of Jesus. Finally, **the middle will be where you record similarities between the two men revealed in Scripture.**

Scripture passages to reference for this exercise:

John 13, John 18 (Peter's denial), and Luke 22 (Judas agrees to betray Jesus).

Truth for Your Soul: *O Lord, all my longing is before you; my sighing is not hidden from you. (Psalm 38:9 NIV)*

After you complete this exercise, you will be staring in the face of true repentance. The beauty about your Savior is He isn't going to force you to repent but give you a choice. **The choice you make will either bring life or it will bring death; there is no in-between when it comes to salvation.**

As today comes to a close, it would be my deepest desire that the truths we talked about today- and the entire week- collide with your heart and produce a desire for true repentance. The choice is yours but the depth this study will take you depends on it! We continue to embark in week two by focusing in on the life of Peter.

Truth for Your Soul: *In repentance and rest is your salvation.* (Isaiah 30:15 NIV)

Journey on, fellow sojourner!

