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“Kissers and Weepers”

[Luke 22:1-62](#)

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Two of Jesus’ disciples failed Him. One denied Him; one betrayed Him. One recovered and was restored; the other tragically took his own life and died in his failure. These are the stories of Peter and Judas. Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss, but Peter wept over his denial of Jesus. Peter was broken over his sin and he repented, so Jesus was able to restore him and use him for God’s glory.

1. Judas betrays; Peter denies

- a. [Luke 22:1-62](#) – *“Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called Passover. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people. Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude. ... Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!’ Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing. Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. And He said to them, ‘The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called “benefactors.” But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who*

serves. But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.’ And the Lord said, ‘Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.’ But he said to Him, ‘Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.’ Then He said, ‘I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me.’... And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. But Jesus said to him, ‘Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?’ When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, ‘Lord, shall we strike with the sword?’ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus answered and said, ‘Permit even this.’ And He touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, ‘Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.’ Having arrested Him, they led Him and brought Him into the high priest’s house. But Peter followed at a distance. Now when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, ‘This man was also with Him.’ But he denied Him, saying, ‘Woman, I do not know Him.’ And after a little while another saw him and said, ‘You also are of them.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I am not!’ Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, ‘Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I do not know what you are saying!’ Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, ‘Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.’ So Peter went out and wept bitterly.”

- b. Pastor Gary said, “The scene ... in chapter 22 [took] place in the upper room, where Jesus [was] sharing his final Passover meal with his twelve disciples just prior to his crucifixion. ... It’s a difficult scene ... Two [of Jesus’ disciples were] about to fail him. One [would] deny Jesus. One [would] betray Jesus. One [would] be repentant, the other [would] be remorseful. One [would] recover and be restored. The other [would] tragically take his own life. One [would] go on to lead thousands to Christ and write two books of the Bible. The other [would] have nothing more said or written about him. He [would] simply serve as a tragic example of the ultimate betrayal.”

2. The Kisser

- a. Pastor Gary said, “[Judas was] ‘the kisser’ in the story. His name, Judas, is ... a Greek transliteration. His Hebrew given name would have been Judah, and more specifically, it would have been Yehuda. There’s no J in the Hebrew alphabet. ... It translates, ‘God is to be praised.’ ... We know very little about him, ... but there’s a very troubling verse about him here in our story.
 - i. [Luke 22:3a](#) – *“Then Satan entered Judas ...”*
- b. Pastor Gary said, “Judas was not possessed by any [ordinary] demon. He [would] be one of only two people the Bible records who would be possessed by Satan himself – Judas and ... the future Antichrist. ... The fact that Judas [was] possessed by Satan tells us ... that [he was] not really a believer in Jesus. ... He did not believe in Jesus as the Son of God because as a believer in Jesus, you cannot be demon-possessed or Satan-possessed. God does not allow for double occupancy. ... Satan can oppress you, he can tempt you, he can whisper lies to you. He can try to deceive you from without, but he cannot take over your body and possess you if you belong to Jesus.”
 1. [1 John 4:4b](#) – *“He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”*
 2. [1 Peter 5:8b](#) – *“Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”* (1984 NIV)
- ii. Pastor Gary said, “We can’t be ignorant about the ways of the enemy. ... We have to realize that he is still on the prowl, trying to devour us – but as a follower of Jesus, He cannot take control of your body and possess you. ... If you are inclined to feel sorry for Judas because of this, don’t. ... Judas opened the door. ... That isn’t to suggest that every unbeliever [that] opens the door ... [is] going to be possessed by demons, but when ... [an unbeliever lives] in a way that makes [him or her] vulnerable to the enemy, then he can take advantage of [that] person. ... In John chapter 12 ... Jesus was having dinner with some friends of his, Mary, Martha and Lazarus. ... As Jesus [was] reclining, ... Mary took an expensive jar of oil [and anointed] the feet of Jesus. ... Judas, standing by, [saw] this and the Bible says that he [complained]. He [said the] oil was worth three hundred denarii. ... It [was] a [year’s] salary. ... [It] could have been sold and the money given to the poor, ... but John 12 verse 6 tells us what his heart was really saying.”
 1. [John 12:6](#) – *“This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.”*
- iii. Pastor Gary said, “People would support Jesus’ ministry financially. This is how Jesus and his disciples were able to travel, preach and do

ministry for three and a half years because people supported them. ... Judas was the keeper of the money bag, and every once in a while he'd dip into it for his own personal, selfish needs, and so he was a thief. ... Judas was already devious before Satan entered him. ... What do you think motivated him to betray Jesus? Money. How much? ... Thirty pieces of silver. ... [It is] \$330 in today's value. ... He was so money hungry and ... greedy, he was willing to betray Jesus for the equivalent of \$330. ... Judas ... then [led] a band of Roman soldiers out to Gethsemane where Jesus with the disciples had found lodging for the night. ... Judas ... made a signal with the Roman soldiers ... 'I will kiss the one that you are to arrest. The one I kiss is Jesus,' ... and he [kissed] Jesus. It was not a genuine kiss of friendship. It was a kiss of betrayal."

1. **Matthew 27:3a** – *"Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful..."*

- iv. Pastor Gary said, "Judas was remorseful. He brought back the thirty pieces of silver [and] threw them into the temple to the chief priests, and then the Bible says he went out and he hanged himself. ... Remorse is not repentance. Remorse is feeling sorry for something that you've done, but it makes no effort to make right with the one that you've offended. That's all Judas was, ... and ... he took his betrayal to the grave."

3. The Weeper

- a. Pastor Gary said, "Peter was born Simon. [That was] his Hebrew name and it would be pronounced 'Shimon.' Shimon is a Hebrew word that means 'to hear or to listen.' ... Jesus [would] give Simon a surname. He [would] name him Peter. ... When Jesus [took] his disciples up to Caesarea Philippi, ... he [asked] them a question, 'Who do men say that I am?' ... They [said], 'Well, you know, the word is that some think you're Jeremiah, some think you're Elijah, some think you're John the Baptist or a prophet of old.' ... Jesus said, 'But who do you say that I am?' ... Peter [spoke] up and [said], 'You are the Christ, the son of the living God.' It's the first public profession of faith in the Bible where someone identified Jesus for who He truly is – the Son of God, God incarnate in flesh, the Messiah who came to save us from our sins and to die on a cross. Peter [made] this bold declaration of faith. ... Jesus, in order to ... keep him humble, [said] to him, ... 'Simon Bar-Jonah,' meaning his father's name was Jonah, ... 'Simon, son of Jonah, flesh and blood did not reveal this to you ... but my Father, which is in heaven.' This [was] divinely inspired. ... [That was] when Jesus [said], 'and you shall be called Peter.' ... Peter in the Greek ... [is] Petros. It's a masculine word. ... It means 'stone.' ... Then Jesus [added], 'and upon this rock I will build my church.' ... The word 'rock' is a feminine word, 'petra,' and it means 'boulder.' ... In a language like in Greek, a masculine word can never modify a feminine word, and vice versa. When Jesus said, 'Upon

this rock, I will build my church,' ... [he was] not referring to Peter. ... Jesus makes this bold assertion that the boulder, the rock upon which the church is built is the wonderful profession that came out of Peter's mouth, but not Peter himself. ... [In the] same chapter a little ... later, Jesus [went] on to predict ... his impending betrayal and crucifixion. Peter [pulled] him aside and ... [rebuked] Jesus to his face and [said], 'Not so, Lord, not so.' ... This is when Jesus [turned] to him and [said], 'Get thee behind me, Satan, for you do not have in mind the things of God but the things of man.' ... Jesus [turned] around and [said], 'Satan just inspired you.' ... One moment, 'My Father in heaven is inspiring you,' and the next minute 'Satan is inspiring you.' ... This is the kind of guy that he was – courageous and bold, ... but all of that courage and boldness evaporated when Jesus got arrested. ... Peter all of a sudden [distanced] himself. ... Three different people [confronted] Peter – 'Hey you know him don't you?' [Peter replied], 'No I don't know him.' ... So Peter [denied] Jesus three times [and] the rooster [crowed], just as Jesus predicted."

- i. [Luke 22:61-62](#) – *"And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, 'Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.' So Peter went out and wept bitterly."*
 - b. Pastor Gary said, "What kind of look do you think Jesus gave Peter? A scowl? A look of disappointment? A look of 'I told you so?' ... It was a look of love."
 - i. [Romans 2:4b](#) – *"God's kindness leads you toward repentance."* (1984 NIV)
 - c. Pastor Gary said, "We know it had to be a look of love because [of] what happened ... immediately after Jesus looked at him. He wept bitterly. In fact, the Greek term for 'weep bitterly' means 'to sob violently.' [He was] a broken man because Jesus gave him a look of love. That's the look that Jesus gives all of us when we're not right with him. It's not a scowl. It's not disappointment. It's a look of love. It's his kindness that leads us to repentance. It's his love for us that draws us to him. Peter was moved. He was humbled by this. He felt his shame over denying Jesus, and he was sobbing out of his brokenness. Aren't you glad that Jesus restores broken people? There's almost an entire chapter in the Bible – John 21 – devoted to Jesus restoring Peter. ... It's a good reminder for every single one of us. ... God is the God of second chances. ... No matter how many times you may have denied him or sinned against him, he will always take you back"
4. How human of people to remind us of our failures BUT... how divine of God to remind us of our forgiveness
- a. Pastor Gary said, "What God loves to do is to remind us of His grace toward us and His mercy and his forgiveness.

- i. [Isaiah 43:25](#) - *"I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins."*
- b. Pastor Gary said, "Judas kissed Jesus and died a failure. Peter wept over his sin and lived a forgiven man. Judas was remorseful, but not repentant. Peter joined remorse with repentance and found restoration, and so can you. God used Peter as the first one to preach an evangelical message [recorded in Acts chapter 2] and three thousand people [were] saved that day. God was not finished with Peter, and God is not finished with you. He takes broken people and restores them for his glory."
 - i. [Psalm 30:5](#) - *"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning."*

Discussion Questions

1. Read [Luke 22:1-62](#) to provide a foundation for your Bible study time (See #1a above).
2. Judas and Peter both failed Jesus – how were their responses to their failures different? (See #1b above)
3. Can demons or Satan possess a believer in Jesus Christ? Why was Satan able to possess Judas? (See #2b and #2b-ii above)
4. What is the difference between remorse and repentance? (See #2b-iv above)
5. What is the "rock upon which the church is built?" (See #3a above)
6. What caused Peter to deny Jesus? (See #3a above)
7. Reread [Luke 22:61-62](#). What type of look did Jesus give Peter after the rooster crowed? (See #3a-i and #3b above)
8. Read [Romans 2:4b](#). How do we know Jesus gave Peter a look of love? (See #3b-i and #3c above)
9. Read [Isaiah 43:25](#) and [Psalm 30:5](#). What does God love to do for broken people? (See #4a, #4a-i, #4b, and #4b-i above)
10. Close your meeting by allowing the Holy Spirit to lead your time of prayer.

* Unless noted, all Scriptures quoted are from the New King James Version (NKJV)