

2023 LENT DEVOTIONAL

This Lent, join us for a daily devotional as we explore the story of Jesus through the eyes of those who were at the cross. Email pastorkrisetablelifecturch.org to be added to the email list.

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Order of Worship 26 February 2023 The First Sunday in Lent

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

We Listen to the Word

Prayer
Sermon Series: Eyewitness
Sermon: "Week 1 - Peter & Judas"

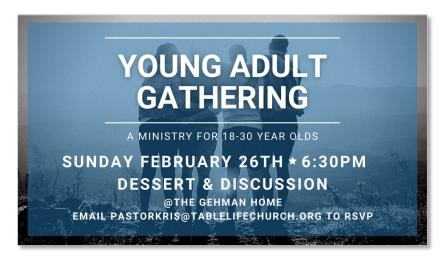
We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen







Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- How were Peter and Judas' transgressions similar? Dissimilar? Why do you think they responded differently?
- 2. In what way(s) do the experiences of the disciples shared in this passage resonate with you?
- 3. Think about a time you've felt deep regret. What actions did you take after experiencing this regret?
- 4. Do you tend to ruminate over or dismiss your mistakes and failures? Have you ever allowed your past regrets and sins to define you? Have you ever experienced the freedom of forgiveness—from God and someone else? What was it like?
- 5. Is confession difficult for you? Is there an apology you know you need to make-- or one you need to accept?
- 6. Will you allow Jesus to forgive you and give you freedom from those regrets, sins, and mistakes?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Kris about following Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call 717-774-6444 to set up an appointment.



Eyewitness "Week 1 - Peter & Judas" Pastor Kris Beckert

Have you ever witnessed something that changed you?

Luke 1:1-2 Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word

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I. Today's Eyewitnesses:	&
1. Their:	

- One we name kids after, the other we don't
- Legends: one holds keys to heaven, the other in hell
- One framed as close to Jesus, the other far away

2. Their

- Both were disciples, invited by Jesus to be among the 12
- Jesus saw potential in both
- Spent 3 years with Jesus and witnessed

II. A Look at Judas:

1.	His	Mistake:	
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Matthew 26: 47-52. While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." ⁴⁹ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus replied, "Do what you came for, friend." Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹ With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵² "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword..."

2.	His	Response:	

Matthew 27:3-5 When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver 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.

III. A Look at Peter:

1.	His	Mistake:	

Matthew 26:69-75. Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said. ⁷⁰ But he denied it

before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said. ⁷¹ Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷² He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!" ⁷³ After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away." ⁷⁴ Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

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John 21:15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know tha I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."
Galatians 5:1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free
Big Idea:

2. His Response: