

Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, March 10, 2024

Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew

Message 120. “Denied Three Times” – Matthew 26:69-27:10

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Matthew faithfully tells the story of Peter’s denial of Jesus during the time He was being tried before the High Priest and Sanhedrin. Then we see an astonishing contrast as Matthew gives us the only account of Judas’ death in the gospels. One man failed His Lord, but was restored, while another betrayed the Lord and was replaced.

To Deny – to turn away, refuse

- I. Predictions and Proclamations – Matt. 26:24-25; 31-35
 - A. Judas the Betrayer
 - B. Peter the Denier
 - 1. “I will never fall away”
 - 2. “I will not deny You”
 - 3. Denials based on fear and unbelief
- II. Peter’s Fall – Matt. 26:69-75
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 - D. A Look from Jesus – Luke 22:61
 - E. Bitter Tears – 2 Cor. 7:10; Luke 22:31-32; Heb. 7:25
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 - A. Remorse, but No Repentance
 - B. Confession, but No Faith
 - C. Death and Condemnation
- IV. Judas Replaced – Acts 1:15-26
- V. Peter Restored – John 21:15-19
 - A. “Do You Love Me?”
 - B. “You Know That I Love You”
 - C. “Feed My Sheep”
 - D. “Follow Me” – Faithful unto Death

Cross References

Matthew 26:24-25

24 The Son of Man is going, just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.” 25 And Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” Jesus *said to him, “You yourself said it.”

Matthew 26:31-35

31 Then Jesus *said to them, “You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, ‘I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered.’ 32 But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” 33 But Peter answered and said to Him, “Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away.” 34 Jesus said to him, “Truly I say to you that this very night, before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” 35 Peter *said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You.” All the disciples said the same thing too.

Luke 22:61

61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, “Before a rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times.”

2 Corinthians 7:10

10 For godly sorrow produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world brings about death.

Luke 22:31-32

31 “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat. 32 But I have prayed earnestly for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, once you have returned, strengthen your brothers.”

Hebrews 7:25

25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Acts 1:15-26

15 And in those days, Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers (a crowd of about 120 persons was there together), and said, 16 “Men, brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. 17 For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry.” 18 (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his unrighteousness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out. 19 And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 “For it is written in the book of Psalms, ‘Let his residence be made desolate, And let no one dwell in it’; and, ‘Let another man take his office.’ 21 Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us— 22 beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us— one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.” 23 And they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two You have chosen 25 to take the place

of this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

John 21:15-19

15 So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus *said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?” He *said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He *said to him, “Tend My lambs.” 16 He *said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” He *said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He *said to him, “Shepherd My sheep.” 17 He *said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus *said to him, “Tend My sheep. 18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go.” 19 Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He *said to him, “Follow Me!”