#### Luke 22:47-62

The Certain Gospel: The Perils of Denying Jesus

#### Judas - Rejection of the heart

Luke 22:47-53

#### Matthew 26:24b

"...But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." (NIV<sup>®</sup>)

### John 17:12

While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. (NIV<sup>®</sup>)

#### Peter - Denial from fear and shame

Luke 22:54-62

# Luke 12:8-9

"I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. 9 But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God. (NIV<sup>®</sup>)

# Luke 22:31-34

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." 33 But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." 34 Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me." (NIV®)

## John 21:15-17

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 that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." 16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." 17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. (NIV")

#### Jesus - Offers restoration

John 21:15-19

# John 21:18-19

Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old <u>you will stretch out your hands</u>, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!" (NIV)

# Jesus can turn the worst of deniers into the best of disciples.