

# “Betraying the Lord”

## John 18:1-5

### Introduction

- I. How many have said or felt as if they would never betray the Lord?
- II. I do not doubt their sincerity, but sadly many do not live up to their words.
- III. Let us examine some times when, sadly, that has happened.

### Discussion

- I. Judas
  - A. No doubt, Judas is remembered for his betrayal.
  - B. Judas allowed his “love of money” to lead to his betrayal (cf. John 12:4-8; Matt. 26:14-16).
  - C. Despicably, Judas betrayed our Lord with a kiss (Luke 22:47-48).
  - D. Judas abandoned our Lord and aligned himself with the enemies of Jesus (John 18:5).
  - E. If Judas could betray the Lord, can I?
- II. Peter
  - A. Oh yes, Peter...the one who said that he would never betray the Lord (John 13:36-38).
  - B. His affirmation seemed rock solid at one time, even to the extent that he would physically fight for Jesus (John 18:10-11).
  - C. Sadly though, Peter betrayed the Lord, not once, but three times (John 18:15-18, 25-27).
  - D. Thankfully he repented and was received back by the Lord (Matt. 26:75; John 21:15-19).
- III. People are still betraying the Lord.
  - A. The secular world has betrayed the Lord by removing Him from government, schools, and popular culture.
  - B. There are some, even in the church, who are betraying the Lord by only teaching part of His truth (cf. 2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Cor. 9:16).
  - C. We must be faithful to our Lord, always (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:6-8)!

### Conclusion

- I. So, have you ever said or felt that you would never betray the Lord?
- II. I hope that you will be true to your word and your Lord.