

CROSSROADS: Judas

This week launched a new pre-Easter series.

Share with the group any particular Easter tradition that you have.

What are your plans for this Easter.

What, if anything, do you do to spiritually prepare yourself at the Easter season?

This series focuses on crossroads and decisions that certain people came to in Jesus' final days. Those crossroads, and the path they chose, shaped their lives forever.

Do you agree that past choices and decisions have shaped you?

Have you ever encountered some key "crossroads" in your life? If comfortable, share with the group what those crossroads were and the decision(s) that you made.

Looking back, how do you think those crossroads and choices shaped or impacted you?

One crossroad Judas came to was whether continuing to follow Jesus was worth it in the moment?

What are some reasons that Christians, in some moments, decide that following or obeying Jesus is not worth it?

Is there a connection between (i) knowing and trusting God's character and (ii) choosing to obey Jesus or follow Jesus in certain moments?

After his spiritual failure, Judas reached another crossroad of deciding where he should turn. Judas did not turn back to Jesus for forgiveness and restoration but rather turned to despair and emptiness.

In moments of spiritual failure, why do you think some people quickly turn back to Jesus for forgiveness and restoration? Why do you think some people choose not to quickly turn to Jesus for those things?

Without naming names or specifics, have you ever known anyone who spiritually fell, repented, received forgiveness and was later restored?