

A script from



"Two Men, One Choice"

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- What** Simon Peter and Judas Iscariot were both disciples of Jesus. Both were flawed, both betrayed Jesus. But, one went on to build the church, the other died alone by his own hand. What was the difference? It all came down to one choice.
Themes: Sin, Forgiveness, Choices, Eternity
- Who** Narrator
Simon Peter
Judas Iscariot
- When** Bible Times
- Wear
(Props)** The men may be dressed in everyday clothing or as disciples.
- Why** Mark 10:45
- How** It should be obvious that Peter feels he is a step above Judas.
- Time** Approximately 5 minutes

*The stage is empty except for two chairs. One has the label **Judas Iscariot** on it. The other says **Simon Peter**.*

Narrator: *(enters)* Two men. *(**Peter** and **Judas** enter and sit in their chairs)* Both chosen by Jesus to be one of His disciples.

Peter: *(looking at **Narrator**)* We may have both been chosen, but the comparison stops there. I was nothing like this man *(points to **Judas**)*.

Narrator: *(continues looking at **Peter** as he speaks)* Hmmmm. Well, let's see. Stand up if you worked to make a living and you were part of a family, with a mother, a father and others who loved you.

***Peter** and **Judas** stands.*

Narrator: Step forward if you left all of that behind to follow Jesus.

***Peter** and **Judas** step forward.*

Narrator: Step forward if you stayed with Jesus on the day so many other followers left Him because he said that the only way to the Father was through Him.

***Peter** and **Judas** step forward.*

Narrator: Step forward if Jesus called you a devil.

***Judas** steps forward, but not **Peter**.*

Narrator: *(looking at **Peter**)* Peter?

Peter: Jesus called Judas a devil because He knew Judas would betray Him. *(**Peter** turns to **Judas**)* He let you stay with us anyway...I never understood that. But *(turning back to the **Narrator**)* Jesus never called me a devil.

Narrator: Peter, what about when Jesus was predicting His own death? What did you say?

Peter: I told Jesus that we loved Him so much, that we would never let that happen.

Narrator: And what did he say to you?

Peter: *(ashamed and taking a step forward)* He said, "Get away from me, Satan."

Narrator: Step forward if you were there the day Jesus fed the five thousand with only five loaves and two fish, or there when he raised Lazarus from the dead, or cast out demons, or healed the lame.

Peter and Judas step forward.

Narrator: Step forward if Jesus gave you authority to cast out demons and to preach.

Peter and Judas step forward.

Narrator: Step forward if you were ever selfish.

Peter: *(points at Judas)* He's definitely talking about you. You were always worried about money. Remember when Mary washed Jesus' feet with perfume and all you could say was what a waste that was?

Judas: *(looking at Peter)* Hold on, don't you remember telling Jesus that you expected to receive something in return for leaving everything behind to follow him.

Narrator: It seems you've both been selfish. Step forward.

Peter and Judas step forward.

Narrator: Step forward if Jesus predicted that you would betray him and you did it anyway.

Judas steps forward.

Judas: I admit that I sold his location to the High Priests for thirty pieces of silver. *(Defensive)* BUT, how was I supposed to know that they would kill him?

Peter: I didn't betray Jesus, I denied Him. That's different. And, I wouldn't have had to do that, if you *(points to Judas)* hadn't sold Jesus out in the first place.

Narrator: *(to Peter)* Denial is different from betrayal?

Peter: *(shakes his head "No," then steps hesitantly forward)*

Narrator: Peter, do you still think that you were nothing like Judas?

Peter hangs his head.

Narrator: You were both guilty. It's what you did with your guilt that separates you.

Judas: At least I tried to make up for what I had done. I went to the High Priests. I threw the money at their feet and confessed my mistake.

Narrator: And what did they say to you?

Judas: They told me to save myself. *(Pauses and then in great sorrow)* I was always more interested in my comfort than in the things Jesus said and did. But in the end, that didn't do me any good. I couldn't save myself, and I couldn't forgive myself, so... I took my own life. *(Sits down on chair)*

Narrator: Peter, what happened after you denied that you knew Jesus?

Peter: I cried and cried. I thought I would never stop. But it's funny. I kept thinking about all the things I had learned from Jesus. Especially how much he spoke about the importance of forgiveness. His story of the prodigal son was the story of me. I ran away, but when I came back, I knew it would be to his open, welcoming arms.

Narrator: *(looking at Peter)* Did you forgive yourself?

Peter: That was harder than believing that Jesus forgave me. But, eventually I did. His forgiveness was life to me. *(Turns to Judas)* It could have been life for you as well, if only you had paid more attention to His words.

Peter walks off stage and Judas follows him. The Narrator walks to the middle and addresses the audience.

Narrator: Two men: similar in so many ways, but in the end so different. Judas did not hear the message of forgiveness that Jesus preached. Peter did. How about you? Do you hear his words? He forgives you for every mistake you've ever made. Do you believe this? Then ask for it. The choice is yours to make. *(Walks over behind Judas' chair)* One choice leads to death. *(Folds up the chair)* The other choice leads to life. *(Exits, leaving Peter's chair behind)*

Lights fade.