## Judas, The Traitor

Matthew 26:6-25, 47-50, 27:3-10

Why did Judas betray Jesus? Because, for Judas...

- money was king and (perhaps) nation was king.
- Judas saw Jesus as a means to an end.

Jesus gives Judas a chance by forcing Him to stop and...

- think about what He is doing
- look <u>Jesus</u> in the eye.

How did Judas' heart get so hard?

• <u>repetitive</u>, <u>unrepentant</u> sin; this <u>hardens</u> the heart toward Christ and <u>softens</u> it toward Satan.

Conviction is a gift because it means hope!

• "Why show me this if I am past all hope?" Scrooge

You are <u>not</u> too far gone to <u>return</u> to Jesus.

Matthew 10:4; John 12:4-6; 2 Corinthians 7:10; 1 Timothy 6:9-10