

Big idea: Temptation comes to all of us, at any age, and at any time.
Anyone can fall if we take our eyes off the Lord Jesus.

I. John 13 one last time...

- A. The FOOTWASHING**
- B. The prediction of BETRAYAL**
- C. The CROSS**
- D. The COMMAND**

II. The downward path

A. Two men, two different DESTINIES

1. Judas and Peter and their SIMILARITIES

- Both had been with the Lord for 3 YEARS
- Both had HEARD and SEEN Jesus teach and do miracles
- Both had been loved UNCONDITIONALLY by the Lord

2. Judas and Peter and their DIFFERENCES

- One was a BELIEVER and one was NOT
- One was guilty of TREACHERY, and one was guilty of PRIDE
- One REPENTED and was restored, and one ENDED his life

B. One man and his FALL

1. What were the DOWNWARD steps?

- He was TALKING when he should have been LISTENING v.36
- He failed to see HIMSELF as he really was
- He saw himself as SOMETHING he wasn't v. 37
- He failed to DEPEND on the Lord v. 38

2. What about the way BACK?

- Jesus' promise to PETER
 - Peter will follow Jesus to GLORY
 - Peter will follow Jesus in SERVICE
- Jesus' promise to US
 - Promise of ETERNAL LIFE to all who believe
 - Promise of RESTORATION to all who repent

III. What we take away...

**Don't overestimate your ability. Don't underestimate the Enemy.
Don't overlook your need.**