

Resurrection: John 18:1-14



In John 18:1-14 Jesus goes to the garden of Gethsemane with his disciples, and is arrested by the chief priests and Pharisees.

Chris looked at two key people in this passage - Judas and Peter. He used the picture of an iceberg to describe our lives. The visible part of an iceberg above the water only makes up a small fraction of the whole thing. This is like our words and actions - the visible parts of our lives. These flow out from our hearts, which are like the larger underwater section of an iceberg.

Chris looked at what Judas and Peter's actions showed us about their hearts. He suggested how each of them could be pastored to bring change in their hearts.

Judas - was seeking to find satisfaction in money rather than Jesus. He was stealing from the disciples and betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. 1 Timothy 6:6-10 helps us to see money in its right place - it doesn't ultimately last, and the love of money can be a trap for us.

Peter - was trying to prove himself rather than depending on Jesus. 1 John 1:8-10 shows us we need to acknowledge our weakness/sin and depend on Jesus rather than depending on our own strength.

Chris finished by comparing Jesus to King David. When David was betrayed and rejected by Israel, he fled through the Kidron Valley and the garden of Gethsemane into the desert. Jesus also went through the Kidron Valley and garden of Gethsemane. He could have run away like David, but instead for our sake he chose to return to Jerusalem to die.

Questions

1. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. How can we learn to be content, rather than chasing after money?
2. Read 1 John 1:8-10. Why is it a good thing for us to acknowledge our weaknesses/failures?
3. Chris compared Judas and Peter to the two brothers in the parable of the prodigal son - one tried to find satisfaction by indulging in worldly things, whilst the other tried to depend on his own righteousness. Which of these attitudes do you more easily fall into?
4. In what ways can we apply what we've learned from Judas and Peter when dealing with the current coronavirus situation?