

Easter Reflections

Reflections



**How is your life
reflected in the lives
of Jesus' followers?**

**While Jesus' disciples
are often celebrated for their
faithfulness, tonight we
acknowledge their
failures...**



Judas DECEIVED

(Judas) began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus so they could arrest him when the crowds weren't around.

- Luke 22:1-6

...and so do we.



Judas DECEIVED

We **DECEIVE** when we try to convince ourselves that something is right when it clearly goes against God's desire.



How have you been

DECEIVING

Jesus?



Several DESERTED

The (men armed with swords and clubs) grabbed Jesus and arrested him... Then all his disciples deserted him and ran away.

- Mark 14:43-52

...and so do we.



Several DESERTED

We **DESERT** when we allow the weight from life's circumstances to get so heavy we abandon our trust in God's plan.



How have you been

DESERTING

Jesus?



Peter DENIED

*Peter swore, “A curse on me if I’m lying - I don’t know the man!”
And immediately the rooster crowed.*

- Matthew 26:69-75

...and so do we.



Peter DENIED

We **DENY** when we fail to acknowledge our faith and speak God's truth out of fear for how the world might react.



How have you been

DENYING

Jesus?



Thomas DOUBTED

But (Thomas) replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands and put my fingers into them...”

- John 20:24-29

...and so do we.



Thomas DOUBTED

We **DOUBT** when we hesitate at the impossible and reduce God to fit the limitations & expectations of this world.



How have you been

DOUBTING

Jesus?



**On this Good Friday,
we acknowledge that the
sins and failures of our
lives are reflected in the
drops of Jesus' blood...**





DECEIVE

DESERT

DENY

DOUBT

