

***“The Resurgence”***  
***Resurrection – Reappearance***

# *The Easter Experience*

***“Betrayed by Me”***

14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot,  
went to the chief priests

15 and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to  
you?"

And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.

16 So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

Matthew 26:14–16, NKJV

**48 Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.”**

**49 Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.**

**50 But Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come?”**

**Matthew 26:48–50, NKJV**

*I. Most people follow Jesus  
when it's convenient.*

**33 Peter answered and said to Him, “Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.”**

**34 Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.”**

**Matthew 26:33–34, NKJV**

**Peter said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I  
will not deny You!”  
And so said all the disciples.**

**Matthew 26:35, NKJV**

69 Meanwhile, Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came over and said to him, “You were one of those with Jesus the Galilean.”

70 But Peter denied it in front of everyone. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.

Matthew 26:69–70, NKJV

*What in your life competes  
with Jesus for your love?*

*II. Take up the “Loyalty  
Cross”.*

*Loyalty is the willingness to make  
an investment or personal sacrifice  
to strengthen a relationship.*

Then Jesus called the crowd and his disciples to him. He said, "Any of you who want to be my follower must stop thinking about yourself and what you want. You must be willing to carry the cross that is given to you for following me."

Mark 8:34, ERV

*III. Jesus loves beyond  
weaknesses.*

**8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.**

**9 And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation.**

**Romans 5:8–9, NLT**