The Book of Mark:

The Difference between Judas and Peter

When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me." ¹⁹ They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely you don't mean me?" ²⁰ "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

Mark 14:18-21 (NIV)

"You will all fall away," Jesus told them, "for it is written:

"I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered.'

28 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

^{*}But aπer I nave risen, I will go anead of you into Galilee.`
²⁹ Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not."

³⁰ "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice^[2] you yourself will disown me three times."

³¹ But Peter insisted emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the others said the same.

Mark 14:27-31 (NIV)

Then I took my staff called Favor and cut it in two, showing that I had revoked the covenant I had made with all the nations. ¹¹ That was the end of my covenant with them.

Zechariah 11:10 (NLT)

Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son.

They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died.

Zechariah 12:10 (NLT)

"On that day a fountain will be opened for the dynasty of David and for the people of Jerusalem, a fountain to cleanse them from all their sins and impurity.

Zechariah 13:1 (NLT)

Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, the man who is my partner," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. "Strike down the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, Zechariah 13:7(NLT)

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"I will strike the shepherd,
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Mark 14:27 (NIV)

And I said to them, "If you like, give me my wages, whatever I am worth; but only if you want to." So they counted out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.

¹³ And the Lord said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—this magnificent sum at which they valued me! So I took the thirty coins and threw them to the potter in the Temple of the Lord.

Zechariah 11:12-13 (NLT)

So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money."

So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners.

Matthew 27:5-7 (NIV)

That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, ¹⁰ and they used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Matthew 27: 8-10 (NIV)

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

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Then everyone deserted him and fled. Mark 14:50 (NIV)

Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. ¹⁷ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

Mark 4:16-17 (NIV)

SO, WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JUDAS AND PETER?

1. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN	
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Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. James 4:10 (NIV)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12 (NIV)

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 1 Peter 5:5 (NIV)

Those who trust in themselves are fools... Proverbs 28:26 (NIV)

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9 (NIV)

2.	THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN	

Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Luke 22:31-32 (NIV)

..being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6 (NIV)