

## 4-2-25 –The Betrayal of Jesus

**Betray.** Expose one to danger by giving info to an enemy. Be disloyal.

“The thing about betrayal is that it never comes you’re your enemies.”

- For there to be betrayal, first there had to be trust. Love.
  - o We’ve all been there. Jesus knows about betrayal, too.

Betrayal violates the Greatest commandment - Love your neighbor.

- **Lev. 19:16** – “You must not go about spreading slander among your people. You must not endanger the life of your neighbor.”

When we think about the betrayal of Jesus, we think Judas.

**John 13:10-11** - Jesus told him, “Whoever has already bathed needs only to wash his feet, and he will be completely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” **11** [For He knew who would betray Him. That is why He said, “Not all of you are clean.”](#)

- Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. \$\$

Betray 4 other reasons too: Jealous/insec., pride, fear, not understanding.

- Jesus’ **family betrayed** him also – unloyal.
  - o **Mark 3:21** – Jesus had begun His ministry. Large crowds were following Him. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”
  - o **John 7:4-5** – “For no one who wants to be known publicly acts in secret. Since You are doing these things, show Yourself to the world.” **5-** [For even His own brothers did not believe in Him.](#)
    - Jesus’ family betrayed him – for a while - not for money.
    - Not fully believe. Jealousy? Left out?

**Peter** betrayed Jesus. Disloyal... denied Him. **All disciples** abandoned Him.

- Jesus predicted it after Last Supper. **Matt. 26** – “Jesus told them, “Tonight all of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, ‘God will strike the Shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’”
- **Peter protests** . . . but Jesus knew – **all will abandon Him.**

- **"The Betrayal of Jesus" Mt. 26:55-56** - Jesus said to the crowd, "Have you come out w/swords & clubs to arrest Me as you would an outlaw? Every day I sat teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest Me. But this has all happened so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled." Then **all the disciples deserted Him and fled.**"
- At **cross**, **only John** mentioned as there. . . w/some women – Mary, his mother's sister, Mary Magdalene, & another Mary. **Steel magnolias!**

**Jesus knows** what's it's like to be **betrayed**.

- "He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief." – **Isaiah 53:3**. Betrayal feels a lot like rejection.
- People turned their backs on Him . . . abandoned Him.
- **Jesus knows** what we all have **felt**. We've been betrayed.
  - o Friends betray trust. Spouse. Family turned backs.

What to do? We want justice. It has its day.

- "No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their vindication is from Me," declares the LORD." – **Isaiah 54:17**.

But . . . followers of Jesus – notice Jesus didn't focus on that. Retribution.

- Jesus had dinner w/ them... washed their feet... told them "no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." – **John 5:13**
  - o He **continued** to **love**. It didn't change Him, or His actions.
- At Gethsemane, Jesus **prayed** for them ... to be strengthened. Protect.
- On the cross, Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive, they know not ..."
- **Luke 6:28** – **"Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you."**

**Why this Matters.** We need to see how Jesus handled betrayal.

But also - **understand** this **truth**: Jesus is accessible – available to all – even to those who previously rejected Him... abandon... betrayed... didn't believe.

- Jesus is Savior for all. **Jesus forgave**. Bible written - know the truth.
- Truth: Jesus loved us, died for us... b/c we all have sinned.
  - o Father, forgive them . . . That's a Savior worth worshipping!