



Judas and Jesus

Sermon Discussion Questions - February 27, 2022

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Text

Matthew 26:14-35

Quote

"The essence of sin is trading life with God for what we can get in His place. The essence of salvation is God giving Himself so that sinners can be with Him." (Ross Lester)

Discussion Questions

1. What do you think it would have been like to be at this very strange and magnificent Passover dinner with Jesus and the disciples? How would it have felt to sit with the Jesus depicted in this passage of Scripture?
2. Judas went to the chief priests and asked, *"What will you give me if I deliver Him over to you?"* He was looking for something "better" than Jesus. Is there any thing, dream, or relationship in your life that you think will bring you more hope, more *something*, than Jesus?
3. Consider the circumstances when you know you turn from God because He will not give you something you want or because He does not seem to satisfy. Are there any triggers or patterns you can identify?
4. What can others around you (your community group, friends, or family) ask or pray for you to help you begin to break those patterns?
5. *"The big idea of this text isn't the rebellion of Judas but the remarkable mercy of Jesus."* How can you take what you learned from this Scripture and sermon and *"be confounded afresh by the beauty of the Redeemer"*?





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6. Was taking communion during service any different after hearing this message? Did anything new strike your heart as you contemplated Jesus' sacrifice, ate the bread, and drank the cup?

Prayer

God, thank You that this story is one of Jesus' remarkable mercy. Thank You for extending friendship and mercy to us, even when we rebel against you. Give us strength by Your Spirit to repent and receive Your friendship and mercy once again or for the first time. Help us believe that You are always better than anything we seek to replace You with. You are who You say You are, and You fulfill all the promises in Your Word perfectly and at the right time. You are our King, and our hope is in You.
Amen.

