

JESUS BETRAYED...FOR ME

My Substitute (Part 1)

⁴¹ Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover.

² And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people." Luke 22:1-2 (ESV)

⁴⁷ And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him,⁴⁸ but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words."
Luke 19:47-48 (ESV)

⁴³ Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. ⁴ He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. ⁵ And they were glad, and agreed to give him money.

⁶ So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd." Luke 22:3-6 (ESV)

⁴⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.'²¹ But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table.²² For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!' ²³ And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this."
Luke 22:19-23 (ESV)

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him,⁴⁸ but Jesus said to him, 'Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?' ⁴⁹ And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, 'Lord, shall we strike with the sword?' ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus said, 'No more of this!' And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, 'Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?' ⁵³ When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."
Luke 22:47-53 (ESV)

I. **THERE IS NO WOUND THAT EXCEEDS BETRAYAL.**

Betrayal: To take a relationship, human or divine, and use it for our own purposes and then discard it when it suits us regardless of the injury it causes.

Three Reasons Why Betrayal is Devastating:

A. When it happens—it is sudden.

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B. Who does it—it is shocking.

⁴³ Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, ⁴⁵ 'Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?' ⁴⁶ He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it." John 12:3-6 (ESV)

- **Maybe it was a perceived slight.**
- **Maybe he had some unmet expectations.**

C. How it happens—it is sick.

II. THERE IS NO PLAN THAT ESCAPES BETRAYAL.

⁴⁹ And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, 'Lord, shall we strike with the sword?' ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus said, 'No more of this!' And he touched his ear and healed him." Luke 22:49-51 (ESV)

III. WHY WAS JESUS BETRAYED FOR ME?

A. As a fulfillment of prophecy.

⁴⁹ Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me." Psalm 41:9 (ESV)

¹² For it is not an enemy who taunts me— then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me— then I could hide from him. ¹³ But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend. ¹⁴ We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng." Psalm 55:12-14 (ESV)

B. As a proof of depravity.

C. As a point of identification.

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4:15 (ESV)