

Series: John
Sermon: 13:18-30

1. Judas had been with Jesus and the other Disciples for 3 years, yet it was eventually revealed to others that he was not a true believer.

A. Given what we know about Judas from John 12:4-6 and Matthew 26:14-16 what might have been his motivation to remain with Jesus and to betray Jesus?

B. Money is needed to operate in this world, but a Christian should have a different view of it than those of the world. What lessons can we apply to our lives from the following passages: 1 Timothy 6:6-10 and Hebrews 13: 5.

2. In 1 John 2:19, John mentions others who, like Judas, appeared to be Christians but over time were revealed to not be genuine believers. Look at the context of 1 John 2:19, what doctrinal issues might have led to their departure?

3. Likewise Paul had someone who appeared to be a believer for some time abandon him. Read 2 Timothy 4:10 to find out why.

What does 1 John 2:15 say about those who love the world?

4. Given the examples above how might false believers be revealed today?

5. Have you ever had someone who appeared to be a Christian, turn their back on both you and Christ due to love of the world or a rejection of the person of Christ? A. No need to mention names, but a couple of people might share their experience and even the sadness or pain that accompanied the loss. B. How would you comfort a young Christian who was currently going through that sort of difficulty?

6. In our minds, it would be wonderful to have no difficulties in life, but it is clear that God uses difficulties to reveal and strengthen genuine faith. Read James 1:2-4. How does going through various trials help to strengthen one's faith?
