

Why we Betray Jesus

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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

A. Our Battle Is against Unbelief

B. Betrayal Is One Way Unbelief Is Expressed

Key Idea

We betray Jesus when we value something in this life more than we value him. Glory be to God that the blood of Jesus has cleansed us from our betrayals!

II. The Betrayals

A. Those Who Loved Jesus

Mark 14:41a

⁴¹ And he came **the third time** and said to them, “*Are you still sleeping and taking your rest?*” (Cf. Luke 22:45)

Luke 18:31–34

³¹ And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³² For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³ And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” ³⁴ *But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.*

B. The Betrayer

Mark 14:41b-46

*...It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.” ⁴³ And immediately, while he was still speaking, **Judas** came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the*

scribes and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵ And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” *And he kissed him.*

Judas had been living in Christ's immediate presence, had been eating, drinking, and traveling with him. He had noticed the strength in the Master's voice when he stilled the storm, cursed the barren fig tree, and rebuked those who devoured widows' houses. But Judas had also become aware of the tenderness of that same voice when it pleaded with sinners, including Judas(!), to come to him and rest. He had listened to the Savior's marvelous discourses and to the decisive and authoritative answers he had given to the many questions that had been hurled at him, sometimes with the intention of ensnaring him. Judas had watched the Great Physician in the act of tenderly restoring the handicapped, or bending down mercifully over the sick and healing them ... and then even adding (at times), “*Your faith has made you well.*” Yes, Judas had witnessed all this and much more. Cf. Matt. 13:17. And then he decided to deliver this unsurpassably powerful, wise, and compassionate Benefactor into the hands of cruel men ... “for thirty pieces of silver.”¹

C. The Jerusalem Crowd

Mark 15:11-14

¹¹ But the chief priests *stirred up the crowd* to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹² And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³ And they cried out again, “Crucify him.” ¹⁴ And Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.” ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and

¹ Hendriksen, W., & Kistemaker, S. J. (1953-2001). *Vol. 11: New Testament commentary: Exposition of the Gospel According to Luke*. (955–956). Grand Rapids: Baker Book House.

having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

John 12:12–13

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

III. Summary & Application

A. Why They Betrayed Jesus

B. Why We Betray Jesus

2 Timothy 4:9–10

⁹ Do your best to come to me soon. ¹⁰ For **Demas**, *in love with this present world*, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. ...

C. His Faithfulness Overcomes Our Betrayal

Titus 3:3–7

³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ **he saved us, not because of works done by us** in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly **through Jesus Christ our Savior**, ⁷ so that being **justified by his grace** we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Luke 18:18–22

¹⁸ And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: ‘Do not

commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’”

²¹ And he said, “All these I have kept from my youth.” ²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “**One thing** you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, **follow me.**”

Luke 10:38–42

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who *sat at the Lord’s feet* and *listened to his teaching.* ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but **one thing is necessary.** Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”