

Betrayal During a Celebration

Mark 14:10-21

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I. The pain of betrayal. Mark 14:10-11

Judas followed and stayed with Jesus for three years, but he never fully _____ Jesus his heart, and Jesus knew it.

- Judas began to believe that following Jesus was leading nowhere, so he began to think that he should get out, while he still could gain something for _____. **Luke 22:3-4**

"You cannot have Jesus' rescue without accepting His _____. If Jesus is King, you cannot make him a means to your end." (Timothy Keller)

II. The place to enjoy a meal. Mark 14:12-16

The reason so many people are disillusioned within marriage or other relationships is because they think another person or thing can _____ them but, only God can fill the hole in our hearts.

- When we willingly offer the Lord our meager offerings, He will add to our offerings to _____ His plan and purposes.

During the feast, Jesus told the Disciples _____ they were to live for Him in this world. **John 13:34-35**

During the feast, Jesus _____ them and assured them about hope for the future. **John 14:1-3**

- Jesus took this opportunity at the Passover feast to comfort His followers with the words of truth about eternity because there is no state of mind that can _____ the troubled heart.

III. The ultimate betrayal. Mark 14:17-21

"Since Israel came into the Promised Land, they believed that they could eat the Passover sitting or reclining, because now they were at _____ in the land God gave them." (David Guzik)

- Jesus poured Himself into Judas as a mentor, just as He did to the other eleven men. He did everything He could to _____ Judas.

A "lifestyle sin" is where a person is unrepentant and _____ to change a habit or lifestyle. A true Christian who does not repent of their sin, is one of the most miserable people on the planet.

- In the Jewish culture, betraying a friend after eating a meal with him, was thought of as the worst kind of _____, but even still, Jesus loved Judas.

IV. Practical Application.

1. Seek _____ counsel. **Proverbs 19:20-21**
2. Take care of your _____ health.
3. Acknowledge the pain in order to deal with the issue.
4. _____ yourself. **Romans 12:18**

5. Don't seek _____. **Romans 12:19**

6. Offer _____.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Mark 14:10-11**. Discuss the level of betrayal it took for one of Jesus' closest followers to sell Him out to the religious leaders. *How much pain would you feel if you were Jesus? How could Judas have been so close to Jesus and still betray Him?* **Luke 22:3-4, Matthew 26:14, 25, 1 John 2:16-17, 2 Corinthians 11:3, Acts 5:3**
2. Read **Mark 14:10-11**. Discuss the statement "Judas should serve as a warning how the desires of our hearts can cause us to hear what we want to hear, instead of recognizing the truth from the Lord." **Matthew 6:33, Colossians 3:1-2, Romans 8:4-6**
3. Read **Mark 14:12-16**. Discuss the comment from C.S. Lewis, "Human history is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." *Why are people disillusioned within relationships?* **Romans 14:8-9, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 1 Peter 3:15**
4. Read **Mark 14:17-21**. Discuss how Jesus loved Judas even though he betrayed Him. **John 13:1-20, John 13:35, Colossians 3:12-14, 2 Corinthians 5:14**
5. Read **2 Corinthians 7:10** and discuss the difference between a besetting sin and a lifestyle of sin. Discuss the differences between godly sorrow and worldly sorrow. **Hebrews 12:1 (KJV), Romans 6:12, John 8:34**
6. Jesus comforts the disciples during the feast. Discuss how we as believers can have hope for the future? What gives us hope? **John 14:1-3, John 14:27-28, Romans 5:1-5**
7. Discuss the practical application section of the sermon notes.