

Understanding Betrayal | Tau Taub Kev Ntxeev Siab (Matthew | Mathais 26:14–16)

1. Betrayal Begins with a Personal Decision | Kev Ntxeev Siab Pib Nrog Kev Txiav Txim Siab Ntawm Tus Kheej (Matthew 26:14–16)

Judas did not drift, pressure, or force into betrayal by accident—he **moved toward it intentionally**. Judas made the first move.

Scripture says, “Then one of the twelve...went to the chief priests...”

Notice the direction: **he went**.

INSIGHT:

Spiritual failure often **begins** with a **decision of the heart**, not external pressure.

QUESTION:

Where in my life am I choosing something that pulls me away from **Jesus**?

2. Betrayal Reveals What We Truly Value | Kev Ntxeev Siab Qhia Txog Yam Uas Peb Suav Tias Muaj Nqis Heev (Matt. 26:15; Exodus 21:32)

Judas agreed to betray Jesus for **30 pieces of silver**—the price of a slave.

That number matters.

- In Exodus 21:32, thirty pieces of silver was the **price of a slave**.
- This means Judas placed a **measurable value on Jesus**—and it was low.

This wasn't just a transaction. It was a **revelation of his heart**.

This aligns with his earlier behavior:

John 12:4–6 shows he misused money and **loved gain more than God**.

INSIGHT:

Betrayal didn't start with thirty silver coins.

- It started with a heart that had already learned to **value** the wrong things.
- Jesus said in Matthew 6:21:
“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

QUESTION:

What am I placing more value on than my relationship with **Jesus**?

3. Closeness to Jesus Does Not Guarantee Faithfulness | Kev Nyob Ze Yexus Tsis Txhais Tias Muaj Kev Ntseeg Siab (Luke | Lukas 22:3)

Judas was not an outsider—he was **one of the twelve**.

- He walked with **Jesus**
- He heard His teaching
- He witnessed miracles
- He was trusted with responsibility

Externally, he looked like a disciple.

Internally, something was misaligned.

- Luke 22:3 says, “*Then Satan entered into Judas...*”
- This shows that betrayal was not only human—it was also **spiritual**.

His betrayal was:

- **Gradual, not** sudden
- **Internal before external**
- A result of **misalignment, not distance**

INSIGHT:

Judas teaches us a sobering truth:

You can be around **Jesus** and still not belong to Him.

- You can hear sermons
- Serve in ministry
- Be trusted with responsibility
- And still not be surrendered in heart

QUESTION:

Is my closeness to **Jesus** producing true faithfulness, or just familiarity?

The real question is: “**Is my heart truly surrendered to Jesus?**”

Conclusion

Judas' story is not just history—it is a **mirror**.

It shows us that Judas' story teaches us:

- Betrayal starts with **small decisions**
- It is shaped by what we **value**
- And it is possible to be **near Jesus** without being faithful

Final Reflection:

*Am I simply walking near **Jesus**... or am I truly aligned with Him?*