



## The Case of a Counterfeit Disciple

### Matthew 26:14-25

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In 1848, gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill in the Seirra Nevada foothills of Coloma, CA. This led to the gold rush of the "49ers" in 1849. But far more people found the mineral pyrite ("fool's gold") than real gold. Pyrite is counterfeit gold. It looks like real gold, but it's not.

Likewise, we need to beware of counterfeit disciples. Like "fool's gold," they look real but are not. Even Jesus—the greatest disciple maker who ever lived—had a counterfeit disciple. His name was Judas, and like most counterfeit disciples, his life did more harm than good.

In our text, Jesus identified one of the twelve, whose name was Judas, as a counterfeit disciple and issued him a strong warning.

#### Main Thought...

→ Counterfeit disciples eventually \_\_\_\_\_ away, but true disciples live \_\_\_\_\_ lives for Christ.

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus for the wrong motives (v. 14-16).

Jn. 12:4-6; 17:12

2. They \_\_\_\_\_ away in spiritual commitment (v. 17-23).

Ps. 55:12-14; Jn. 13:2, 21, 26-27

3. They \_\_\_\_\_ warnings from others who care (v. 24).

Ps. 41:9; Heb. 10:26-27, 29

4. They \_\_\_\_\_ to repent and return to God (v. 25).

Mt. 27:3-5; Acts 3:19-20a; Mt. 5:13

#### Final Thoughts...

→ Are you in a \_\_\_\_\_ fade in your spiritual life?

→ Will you \_\_\_\_\_ with excuses and return to God?