



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. He 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?