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Betrayed: The Kiss of Betrayal

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INTRODUCTION

The disciples of Jesus wholeheartedly believed that He was the Christ. They knew the prophecies and had the privilege of watching Jesus fulfill them right in front of their eyes. They understood the significance of Him riding a donkey into the city. They got it! After years of following Jesus, these people had faith in Jesus. All of them except for one. For some reason, even after years of knowing Jesus, following Jesus, and being around Jesus, Judas failed to have faith in Jesus. And it is from Judas's betrayal we learn so much.

KEY POINTS

1. A lack of belief leads to a life of betrayal.

Think about how painful this must have been for Jesus. After years of walking with Judas and training him, after investing in him and ministering alongside him, He observed Judas in that moment of betrayal and saw two things: His actions were friendly (a kiss of greeting was a friendly gesture), and his allegiance was fake. In other words, what Judas did on the outside was different than who Judas was on the inside.

2. Unconfessed, unaddressed sin in your heart will open the door to Satan's power in your life.

I believe we become the most susceptible to his attacks when times are tough and when our circumstances are scary. That was certainly true in the life of Judas...and Peter...and the other disciples that were on the run. Times were tough. Their circumstances were scary, and as a result, doubts crept in, and sin took over.

I've seen so many people over the years who claim to know God and love God and follow God and trust God. But then, when things go south, when times get tough, and when prayers aren't answered in the way we think they should be answered, what do they do? They bail on God and bail on His church. Why? Because our doubts (on the inside) will always affect our actions (on the outside).

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3. Instead of choosing the path of repentance, Judas chose the path of regret.

Judas felt remorse, but remorse just led him to experience pain and guilt. Judas also felt regret. When he threw the silver into the temple, he most likely thought to himself, "Man! I wish I could have a redo at this whole thing...because I would have done some things completely different."

But Judas didn't get a redo. And you don't get a redo either. Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." If we're ever going to move from falling short of God's glory to experiencing forgiveness and freedom, it's going to be determined by how we respond to our sin. You can regret your sins and be miserable, or you can repent from your sins and be free. The choice is yours. NOTES

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. When was a time you felt betrayed by someone close to you? What emotions/feelings did you wrestle with from that situation?
- 2. What is an example of you falling short and betraying Jesus? Have you repented of that instance?
- 3. Is there any unaddressed or unconfessed sin in your life that you need to gain freedom from? If so, what?