



Part 4

Being Honest About Your Disappointment (Why Judas Was Disappointed?)

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Series Summary:

1. Honestly Facing Your Slow Slide to **Compromise** (Are you compromising?)
2. Honestly Facing What You Have **Buried** (**Achan** was not honest about what he buried)
3. Honestly Facing the Consequence of Your **Ambition** (**Solomon** was not honest)
4. **Being Honest About Your Disappointment (Judas was not honest about his expectations)**
5. Stand Alone Sermon – **Palm Sunday: The Consequences of Our Sin**– Romans 5: 1-2; 9-11
6. Stand Alone Sermon – **Easter Sunday: The Consequences of A Bad Choice** - Romans 5:12

Four Key Texts

- John 12:4–6
- Matthew 26:14–16
- John 13:2
- Luke 22:3

Big Thoughts: You can follow Jesus publicly and still never tell Him the truth privately. Judas is not the story of sudden betrayal. He is the story of silent dishonesty.

Big Question: Are you disappointed?

My Answer: No, just surprised that some things have not worked out like I thought

I. Judas Hidden Ambition

John 12:4–6

“...he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.”
Judas:

- Managed the money.
- Spoke spiritual language.

- Criticized generosity.
- But had a private appetite.

II. The Disappointed Expectation (Matthew 26:14–16)

“What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?” Thirty pieces of silver.

Judas followed Jesus with expectation: A political kingdom, National dominance and Visible power

But Jesus kept talking about:

- Serving
- Suffering
- Dying

Judas never told Jesus: “This is not what I expected.”

Instead of confession,
he chose negotiation.

III. The Proximity Problem (John 13:2 -

“...the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas...”

Judas:

- Heard every sermon
- Saw every miracle
- Sat at the table
- Had his feet washed
- Yet his heart was never surrendered.
- Proximity does not equal honesty.
- Activity does not equal intimacy.
- Position does not equal purity.

IV. The Pattern of Dishonesty

Judas 'downward spiral:

1. Secret compromise
2. Spiritualized justification
3. Private disappointment
4. Hardened resentment
5. Public betrayal

He talked to the priests

Before he talked to Jesus. He negotiated his frustration instead of confessing it.

Some people talk to everybody else about God before they talk to God about themselves.

V. The Tragic End of Untold Truth (Luke 22:3)

“Then Satan entered Judas...” When honesty leaves, darkness finds entry.

Judas 'issue was not weakness. It was secrecy.

He never told Jesus the truth about:

- His ambition
- His money
- His expectations
- His disappointment

Closing Thoughts About Disappointment

1. Disappointed People Often Hide Their True Feelings John 12:4–6

- Judas objected to Mary pouring expensive perfume on Jesus and said it should have been sold and given to the poor.
- John adds: “He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.”
- He was disappointed that money he could have controlled and potentially taken was “wasted” on worship instead of being placed in the treasury.

2. Disappointed People Volunteer to Compromise (Matthew 26:14–16)

- Judas went to the chief priests and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?”
- They counted out thirty pieces of silver.
- He was disappointed that following Jesus was not producing the financial or political gain he expected, so he negotiated his own payout.

3. Disappointed People Listen to the Wrong Voices John 13:2

“The devil had already prompted Judas... to betray Jesus.”

He was disappointed enough that his heart became vulnerable to satanic suggestion, allowing bitterness and ambition to override loyalty.

Note: Luke 22:3 “Then Satan entered Judas...”

- He was disappointed to the point that his internal frustration turned into full spiritual surrender to betrayal
- Judas likely followed Jesus with messianic expectations:
 - A political revolution
 - A national takeover
 - Financial opportunity
 - Personal advancement

Instead, he saw:

- A woman “waste” expensive perfume
- Jesus talking about death instead of power
- No political uprising
- No throne to sit beside

Summary Line:

- He was disappointed that Jesus was not becoming the kind of Messiah he had invested in.
- He was disappointed because Jesus would not fulfill his personal ambition.

Next Time: Stand Alone Sermon – Palm Sunday: **The Consequences of Our Sin**