

Series: Jesus Is (43) Title: Serving Betrayers

Scripture: John 13:14-35, 9-10, Psalm 41:9

2024 Memory Verses:

January"14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, <u>you also ought to wash one another's feet</u>. 15 For I have given you an example, that <u>you also should do just as I have done to you.</u> 16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." John 13:14-17 ESV

- 1. We must humbly sacrificially serve just like our Lord and Teacher Jesus. (vs. 14-17)
 - a. We humbly and sacrificially serve our family, the church, and the lost. (v. 14)
 - b. We follow Jesus' Word and example in every sphere of life. (v. 15)
 - c. We keep our pride in check by constantly looking to Jesus and serving one another. (v. 16)
 - d. We will be blessed by God if we humbly and sacrificially serve. (v. 17)
- 2. Jesus knows we will be betrayed by those we serve. (vs. 18-19, 21)
 - a. Jesus' knowledge of betrayers does not soften the heartache of betrayal (v. 21)
 - b. Jesus knows how we all struggle.
 - i. Peter would deny Him
 - ii. Thomas would doubt Him
 - iii. Judas would betray Him
 - c. Jesus still serves those who struggle:
 - i. To demonstrate His Sovereignty
 - ii. To fulfill Scripture
 - iii. To invite all to repent and believe
 - iv. To model for His servants how to love
- 3. Jesus' mission and purpose for our lives is not altered or diminished by betrayal (ours or theirs). (vs. 19-20)
 - a. Betrayal can bring greater trust in the Savior (we stop relying on others for our peace)
 - b. Betrayal can bring greater trust in Scripture
 - c. Betrayal can bring greater thrust in service



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- 4. Jesus shows us how to thrive through betrayal. (vs. 21-30)
 - a. Be aware that betrayal is possible (by you and anyone other than Jesus).
 - b. Betrayal should be acknowledged but never idolized.
 - c. Keep loving one another through the bitterness and darkness of betrayal. (vs. 31-35)
 - d. Keep praying for and honest with your betrayers (the battle is spiritual).
 - e. Keep looking for redemption and restoration because of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Response & Invitation

- 1. If I have betrayed: Confess, believe, repent, reconcile
- 2. If I have been betrayed: Lean into Jesus and the body of Christ, forgive like we have been forgiven

