

Seeking God's Plan When the Plan is Missed Because of Hypocrisy

Matthew 23:27-28 - Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Mark 12:13-15 - Then they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Him in order to trap Him in a statement. They came and said to Him, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to pay a poll-tax to Caesar, or not? Shall we pay or shall we not pay?" But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why are you testing Me? Bring Me a denarius to look at."

Luke 12:1-3 - Under these circumstances, after so many thousands of people had gathered together that they were stepping on one another, He began saying to His disciples first of all, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. Accordingly, whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms will be proclaimed upon the housetops."

Romans 12:9 - Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

James 3:17 - But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

5 stages of a hypocritical life:

I. Saturday Evening – The Heart of Hypocrisy – Matthew 26:6-13

A. A stunning backdrop

1. Simon the leper - 26:6
2. Lazarus' presence (John 12:2-11)

John 12:9-11 - The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead. But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also; because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.

B. A faithful act - 26:7-12

1. Mary, the sister of Lazarus (John 12:2-11)
2. The ointment was valued at over 300 denarii (Mark 14:5)

Matthew 26:12 - For when she poured this perfume on My body, she did it to prepare Me for burial.

C. A hypocritical heart - 26:8

Matthew simply says... Matthew 26:8 - *But the disciples were indignant when they saw this, and said, "Why this waste?"*

John 12:4-5 - *But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor people?"*

John 12:6 - *Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.*

Psalm 10:4 - *The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.*

II. Tuesday – A Hypocritical Will – Matthew 26:14-16

A. What Jesus did on that day

1. Teaching
2. Cursed the fig tree (Mark 11:12-14)

B. Judas was "one of the twelve" 26:14

C. At some point his hypocritical heart led to treacherous choices - 26:15

D. His decision made the enemies of Christ "glad" - Mark 14:11, Luke 21:5

Mark 14:11 - *And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.*

E. The significance of the price - Exodus 21:32

III. Thursday Evening – Hypocritical Words – Matthew 26:20-25

Matthew 26:21 - *As they were eating, He said, "Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me."*

A. Judas' shock

B. Jesus' revelation

Matthew 26:23 - *And He answered, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the bowl is the one who will betray Me."*

C. Judas' words

Matthew 26:25 - *And Judas, who was betraying Him, said, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself."*

IV. Thursday Night – The Act of Hypocrisy

A. Jesus' question to the mob – Whom do you seek?

John 18:8 - *Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He; so if you seek Me, let these go their way,"*

B. The kiss

Matthew 26:49 - *Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.*

"kiss" - kataphileo – "to kiss earnestly, intensively, or repeatedly"

C. Jesus' response

Matthew 26:50 - *And Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.*

Luke 22:48 - *But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"*

D. Satan's place in all of this?

Luke 22:3 - *And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve.*

Ephesians 4:26-27 - *Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity.*

Galatians 6:7 - *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.*

V. Friday – The Remorse of Hypocrisy – Matthew 27:1-10