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West Hill

Church of Christ

Walk and Work Together in the Light

The Thing About Judas

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There is an interesting text in the book of Matthew that reveals a subtle insight into the mindset of Judas Iscariot, which may also be found in many professing disciples of Jesus today. Let's take a closer look at a familiar passage.

In Matthew 26:17-25, Jesus was celebrating the Passover with his disciples for the last time. It was during the Passover meal that Jesus dampened the mood by saying, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me" (Matthew 16:21).

This pronouncement made the disciples exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say, "Lord, is it I?" But note the subtle difference in what the disciples asked and what Judas asked. Judas asked Jesus, "Rabbi, is it I?" (Matthew 16:25)?

Did you catch the difference? The "eleven" apostles asked, "Lord, is it I?" while Judas asked, "Rabbi, is it I?"

This subtle difference, which can be easily overlooked, speaks volumes! While the term "Lord" could be used in a respectful way similar to how we might teach our children to say, "Sir." But, by this point, the disciples had been with Jesus long enough to recognize him as their "Lord" in the sense of "master." Jesus was their "Lord" in a way that had deeper meaning than just a common means of addressing him.

On the other hand, the term, "Rabbi" was a term that acknowledged Jesus was a teacher, and that, he was. But, he was more than a teacher; he was the "Lord," but not to Judas. Of course, Judas proved that by having already begun the process of his betrayal when he asked the question (Matthew 26:25).

That brings me to the application. Is it possible for one to respect Jesus as a great "teacher" and yet refuse to make Jesus "Lord" of his life? Is it possible for one to recognize Jesus as a teacher, but refuse to allow his teachings to impact the way he lives?

Friends, when we resist the lordship of Jesus in our lives, when we refuse to surrender our wills to his will, we align ourselves with Judas Iscariot. Give that some thought the next time you consider resisting the lordship of Jesus in your life.

Sunday: Worship 10:30am & Class 5:00pm

Tuesday: Benevolence 9:00-10:00am & Young at Heart Class 10:30am

Wednesday: Class 6:30pm

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**If I Love You, I will Pray for You
Treating Each Other in a Worthy Manner –
Part 4**

The Prayer Life of Jesus

- He Prayed when He was _____
- He Prayed when He made _____
- He Prayed when He _____
- He Prayed when He was _____
- He Prayed when He was _____

Prayer was an important part of His life in the _____

Hebrews 5:7 “In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.”

In the last few hours before His death, He spent so much time in Prayer, and one of the greatest purposes of prayer in that moment was for others.

John 17

- He Prayed for their _____ (17:3)
- He Prayed as an _____ (17:6-8)
- He Prayed for _____ (17:11)
- He Prayed for _____ (17:20-21)

If I love You, I will Pray for You

- In _____ for who you _____
- In _____ of your _____
- For _____ when you are in _____
- In _____ when you are _____
- For _____ when you are in _____

Have you noticed that when you truly pray for others, you are _____ focused on _____!

**Si te amo, oraré por ti
Tratándonos con dignidad – Parte 4**

La vida de oración de Jesús

- Oró cuando fue _____
- Oró cuando tomó _____
- Oró cuando se _____
- Oró cuando estaba _____
- Oró cuando tenía _____

La oración fue una parte importante de su vida en la _____

Hebreos 5:7: “Y Cristo, en los días de su carne, ofreciendo ruegos y súplicas con gran clamor y lágrimas al que le podía librar de la muerte, fue oído a causa de su temor reverente.”

En las últimas horas antes de su muerte, dedicó mucho tiempo a la oración, y uno de los mayores propósitos de la oración en ese momento fue por los demás.

Juan 17

- Oró por su _____ (17:3)
- Oró como _____ (17:6-8)
- Oró por _____ (17:11)
- Oró por _____ (17:20-21)

Si te amo, oraré por ti

- En _____ por quién _____
- _____ tu _____
- Por _____ cuando estás en _____
- Por _____ cuando estás _____
- Por _____ cuando estás en _____

¿Has notado que cuando oras de verdad por los demás, _____ te centras en _____ mismo?



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Community Outreach

Addiction [Recovery](#) Counseling
 Benevolence Program
 Food for Fitness

Forever His

Wed. Night Focus Groups
 Spanish ESL Classes

Local Missions

Apologetics Press - Jeremy Pate
 Bear Valley - Wayne Jones
 Cherokee Children's Home
 Disaster Relief
 The Jenkins Institute
 Memphis School of Preaching
 WVBS school.wvbs.org

U.S. Mission Points

Tilton, NH & Mesa, AZ

Foreign Missions

Cameroon Preacher Training
 India Preacher Training

Prayer Needs:

We extend our sympathy to Charlotte Weaver and her family over the passing of her brother-in-law, **Steve Weaver**.

Percell Milton: Moved to Dallas Baylor room 1305 for medical treatment.

Martha Dowdle: Resumed radiation and chemo treatments for her lungs.

Patty Williams: Having hernia surgery on 8/20.

Mike Wylie: Now deciding on the best course of treatment for his prostate cancer.

Myrna Haufe: Recovering from hip surgery at Twilight Home.

Becky Newman: Undergoing medical tests.

Naomi Martinez (Sam Ramirez's sister): Having exploratory bladder surgery soon.

Continue to remember: Bronny & Ruth Watson, Dan & Rita Dominy, Eula Henry, John Braly, Louie & Patty Williams, Nick Tooley, Becky Loosier, Barbara Gould, Carolyn Bennet, Steve Nicholson, Bill & Beverly Abercrombie, Faith Beamon, Cam Haden, Alan Stewart, & Kenneth Farmer

Staffed nursery available for babies up to 2 yr old.
Nursery Attendant this week: **Lindsay Olsen**

This Week's Birthdays

August 11 - Rick Newton

August 12 - Jeovani Vargas

August 15 - Carson Barham

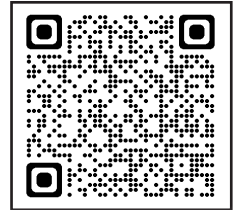
Records for August 3, 2025

AM Worship.....246

Contribution \$11,035

Visitor Form

Thank you for joining us for worship! We would love to follow-up with you...



Announcements:

We rejoice that **Erika Roughton & Bergan Watson** recently obeyed the Gospel and put Christ on in baptism!

Ladies - if you'd like to help plan more casual gatherings throughout the year, please join us in the Parlor on 8/30 from 9:30-11 a.m. We need your input, ideas, and scheduling availability. For questions, contact Melissa at 254-595-1709 or Sandy at 469-544-0351.

Wed Night Summer Series - 8/13

Flood Relief Efforts - Volunteers left Thurs & returned Sat. Thank you to all who have worked, served, donated and been involved!

Ladies Day - Save the Date: 9/20

English Second Language Classes (ESL) - 3rd & 4th Wed. Nights of each month @6:30pm.

Hispanic Bible Classes Sun & Wed. Night.

Young at Heart Class meets on Tuesdays @ 10:30am.

Westhill ARC (Addiction Recovery Counseling) meets weekly - contact Jay Mahoney

Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader

AM Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Communion Leader

Communion Servers

Carson Barham

Listan Ellis

Isaac Haden

Joel Haden

Micah Haden

David Baumgartner

Marcus Dancer

Ronnie Giles

Colton Nicholson

Clay Jackson

Dillan Parrish

Ti Saulus

Paul Wells

Jay Mahoney

AM Closing Prayer

Brent Stewart

PM Song Leader

PM Opening Prayer

PM Devo

PM Closing Prayer

David Baumgartner

Joel Haden

Brandon Watson

Owen Warnes

Wed. Song Leader

Wed. Summer Series

Michael Jones

Rick Williams

Aug Worship Coord.

Aug Elder of Month

Michael Jones / Billy Roughton

Percell Milton