



## desert breeze community church

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**Jesusology**

Mark 14:12-21, 27-28  
**“Betrayal & Defection”**

There is nothing more painful than the betrayal or defection of a spouse or close friend. It is a pain that can even go beyond the death of a spouse or close friend. We are looking at the last days of Jesus on earth. In this passage Jesus predicts the betrayal of one of His disciples and the defection of all of His disciples.

This passage will teach us that close friendships are no guarantee against betrayal & defection especially if the relationship is built on utility.

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**Sin Runs Wide:**

- Proximity & longevity with Jesus is no guarantee against betrayal/defection. (1 Cor. 10:12)
- Trials are not the cause but the occasion to reveal my sinful heart. (James 1:2-4; 1 Pet. 1:6-7)
- Evil runs right down the middle of every human heart. (Ps. 51:5; Jer. 17:9; Rom. 3:10-18)
- To the degree I believe in the universality of sin and the far-reaching nature of grace is to the degree I will be giving and forgiving. (Luke 14:1-14; Eph. 2:8-10)

**Sin Runs Deep:**

- Becoming a Christian is more than behavior modification it is heart transformation. (2 Cor. 5:17; James 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:23; Eph. 4:17-24)

- Heart transformation is fundamentally a change in motivation (stimulus, incentive, drive). (1 John 4:19; Phil. 2:13)
- The sin of betrayal/defection are actually sins of motivation. (Pro. 4:23; Luke 6:43-45)  
Betrayal = You serve Jesus as long as it benefits you and you will sell him out the minute it costs you.  
Defection = You want to serve Jesus but become easily disillusioned by the pressures of life and/or deceived by the pleasures of life. (Symptomatic of spiritual weakness)
- The only way you can tell the difference between pure and impure motives is when things go bad. (Job 1:8-11)
- Judas found Jesus useful, but Mary found Jesus beautiful. (Mark 14:1-11)

**How to overcome it:**

- We all struggle with mixed motives of betrayal and defection that must be dealt with. (1 John 1:8-9) Note the disciples' response: It's also very ambiguous. V19 "Is it I?"
- Out of Grace Jesus gives us multiple warnings (opportunities) to repent but if we aren't humble we will be humbled. (2 Pet. 3:9; Rom. 2:4; John 8:1-11) v21 "It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."
- Jesus sees my sin but he doesn't condemn me because he paid for my sin on the Cross! (John 3:16-19; Rom. 8:1-4) This is the most beautiful truth in the world! This is beyond the beauty of anything you have ever seen or experienced. If you see this beauty and let it sink in it will get you out of yourself. If he offers this to Judas, than he offers it to you! But, don't respond like Judas, respond like Mary.

February 14 "The Lord's Supper"  
February 21 "Cup of Wrath"  
February 28 "The Kiss of Death"  
March 7 "Martyr"

Mark 14:22-31  
Mark 14:32-42  
Mark 14:43-65  
Mark 14:66-72



# Growing

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1) We are looking at the last days of Jesus on earth and in this passage Jesus predicts the betrayal of one of His disciples and the defection of all of His disciples.

Read Mark 14:12-21, 27-28.

2) What's the first thing that stands out to you from this text? Why is proximity & longevity with Jesus no guarantee against betrayal and defection (1 Cor. 10:12)? How are trials not the cause but the occasion to reveal our sinful heart? (James 1:2-4; 1 Pet. 1:6-7)

3) How does my understanding of the universality of sin and the far-reaching nature of grace change me into a giving and forgiving person? How is becoming a Christian more than behavior modification?

4) How are the sins of betrayal and defection sins of motivation? How can you tell the difference between pure and impure motives for serving God? What is the difference between finding Jesus useful (Judas) or finding Jesus beautiful (Mary) (Mark 14:1-11)?

5) Jesus gave an ambiguous question in verse 18 because He wanted his disciples to look deep into their own hearts and give them opportunity to repent. How does Jesus give us opportunity today to see our wrong motives and repent? What did Jesus say about the one who would betray Him if he didn't repent (v21)? Jesus sees my sin but he doesn't condemn me because he paid for my sin on the Cross! Pray that you see & are seized by this beautiful and amazing truth. (Jn 3:16-19)