

BETRAYAL: *The Judas Factor*

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Everyone has experienced betrayal at one level or the other in their life. It happens as we are growing up, at school, home, workplace, church – whenever you grow close to people!

We all have a Judas.

We all have been a Judas.

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT BETRAYAL

Observation # 1 – John 18:1-5

- Satan will use someone who knows your behavior patterns
- Judas knew “the place”
- In the most tender times (Psalm 41:9)
- The greater the love the deeper the pain

Observation # 2 – John 18:3

- Betrayers never work alone – “...and a band of men...”
- Your Judas will emerge just before your victory. (Absalom kissed the people while David would judge them = Absalom spirit)

Observation # 3 – John 13:29

- Judas aims for financial control
- Finances (30 pieces of silver) are their weakness and the enemy uses that

Observation # 4 – John 13:26

- The one that “...you give the sop to...”
- SOP is the juiciest bite that we save for the end

Observation # 5 – John 18:5

- Don't be surprised when you see trusted friends standing with your enemies

Observation # 6 – John 18:1-6

- When Satan gets involved, even miracles cannot stop a “Judas”
 - People falling back
 - Reattaching of the ear

HOW TO DEAL WITH BETRAYAL: Illustrated through the Last Supper

1. Recognize them
2. Public exposure must be done with caution
3. “Do what you gotta do” attitude toward Judas
4. Select your supporters carefully – Peter, James & John
5. Don’t expect them to know all you know
6. Prayer is ALL you can “do”
7. Some of your supporters will act foolishly – cutting off the ear
8. In the end, you will go it alone
9. Betrayal is heart-wrenching agony – drops of blood
10. Betrayers know who they are, but can’t bear to deal with it, even if it means their end
11. God has a special plan for the betrayed

