

“Betrayed For Me”

The Substitute – Part 1

Luke 22:47-53

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❖ WHEN IT COMES TO BETRAYAL . . .

1. THERE IS NO PAIN LIKE IT.

- ✓ **Definition:** To take a relationship, human or divine, and use it for our own purposes, and then discard it when it suits us regardless of the injury it causes. It is satanic in the extreme. It is the cruelest evil a human being can inflict on another.

❖ Betrayal is so devastating because of . . .

- **When it happens:** It is sudden.

“And while He was still speaking . . .” Luke 22:47a (NKJV)

- **Who does it:** It is shocking.

“. . . and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them. . .” Luke 22:47b (NKJV)

- **How it happens:** It is sick.

“. . . and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him.” Luke 22:47c (NKJV)

2. THERE IS NO PLAN THAT CAN ESCAPE IT.

“When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, ‘Lord, shall we strike with the sword?’ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus answered and said, ‘Permit even this.’ And He touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, ‘Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.’” Luke 22:49-53 (NKJV)

Why was Jesus betrayed for me?

1) As a fulfillment of scripture.

“While I was with them in the world, kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.” John 17:12 (NKJV)

“Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.” Psalms 41:9 (NKJV)

“If an enemy were insulting me, I could endure it; if a foe were raising himself against me, I could hide from him. But it is you, a man like myself, my companion, my close friend, with whom I once enjoyed sweet fellowship as we walked with the throng at the house of God.” Psalms 55:12-14 (NIV1984)

2) As a proof of depravity.

“As it is written: ‘There is none righteous, no, not one; there is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one . . . for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God . . .’” Romans 3:10-12, 23 (NKJV)

3) As a point of identification.

“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.” Hebrews 4:15 (NKJV)

❖ **LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS:**

1. Pastor Bob mentioned the substitute normally is not as good as the original. Talk about a time where you have experienced a substitute or perhaps you were the substitute. What was the outcome?
2. Judas was one of the twelve. Traveled with Jesus as part of his ministry. Yet, Satan entered him and Judas rejected Jesus as Savior. What are your thoughts on Spiritual Warfare? Discuss times you or someone close to have encountered Spiritual Warfare.
3. Pastor Bob mentioned we only feel betrayed by people we are close to. Talk about a time you were betrayed. How has that experience changed you? What was the outcome? Betrayal is the toughest thing to forgive. Have you truly forgiven your betrayer?
4. Pastor Bob mentioned Jesus experienced the pain of betrayal so he might empathize with our pain. How does knowing this make Jesus even more personal to you?
5. Read John 12...Judas faked a relationship with Jesus. Have you ever experienced someone faking their faith? How do you untimely know if someone truly has a saving faith?
6. Pastor Bob mentioned Christianity is not an intellectual exercise but one of transformation. Talk about how you have experienced spiritual transformation.
7. It is when we face Crisis that our true character shows. What is your first reaction when a crisis hits?
8. Pastor Bob mentioned our lives are meant to praise God and we don't we are wasting our lives. What are some ways you glorifying God. Read Psalm 41:9
9. Bob said we are totally depraved. Which means we will all choose sin apart from God's grace. Do you believe you are capable of doing good without God? Why or why not? Read Romans 3:10-12
10. Peter and Judas both turned against Jesus. Peter's ultimate response was one of repentance while Judas's was betrayal. Talk about what real repentances looks like in your life!!
11. Pastor Bob asked if you are a sell out or sold out. What are the differences? How can you be sold out for Christ.