

Making Disciples

“Relationships Can Be Messy”

Matthew 26:14-35

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Introduction:

- Relationships can be messy.
- Messy - complicated...exhausting...uplifting...heart-breaking...bring joy and happiness...kindness...sadness...fulfillment and even emptiness.
- **Matthew 26:14-35**
- We are going to be looking at two of the twelve disciples today ... But I want us to look at our own relationship with Jesus as well.

1. Kingdom Passion:

- a. The feeling that everyone gets when they first become a follower, the “Gung-Ho” feeling.
- b. Gung-Ho - “Wholeheartedly enthusiastic and loyal ... eager ... zealous.”
- c. Consider the following:
 - i. **Matthew 10**
 - ii. **Luke 10**
 - iii. **Luke 7**
 - iv. **Luke 8**
 - v. **Matthew 14**
 - vi. **Matthew 15**
 - vii. **Matthew 21**
 - viii. **John 6:60-70**
- d. **John 6:67**
- e. **John 6:70**

2. Personal Agenda:

- a. As the tide of approval begins to turn against Jesus, the thoughts of the disciples begin to turn a little inward.
- b. Consider Judas:
 - i. In each gospel we find the account of the Alabaster Jar of perfume.
 - ii. **John 12:4-6**
 - iii. **Matthew 26:14-16**
- c. Then there is, Peter:
 - i. Remember, Peter was taught that the Messiah would reestablish the Kingdom to Israel.
 - ii. **Matthew 16:13-16**
 - iii. **Matthew 16:22-23**
 - iv. **John 18:10-11** – Peter attacks with a sword.

3. Betrayal:

- a. **Matthew 26:47-50**
- b. This was Judas's moment of betrayal.
 - i. **Matthew 26:56**
- c. But then we have Peter:
 - i. **John 22:61**
- d. Relationships are very messy...Sometimes you invest all the Love of Jesus...The Word of God...and the Guiding Hand of Scripture...only to have someone turn around and betray you.
- e. Jesus forgave Peter...and He would have done the same for Judas.
- f. We have all betrayed Jesus Christ in some fashion in our life...BUT...Jesus still wants a relationship with you.
- g. We will have those relationships that turn out to be real blessings...BUT...we will also have those that don't turn out so good.
- h. Don't let that stop you from being Gung-Ho for the Kingdom Work.

