

Are You a Disciple?

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.
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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 lives ... 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.