



Rock Point Church
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BIG IDEA | Follow Jesus, not the Jesus you want.

Matthew 26:17-25 (NLT)

¹⁷ On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to prepare the Passover meal for you?”

¹⁸ “As you go into the city,” he told them, “you will see a certain man. Tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My time has come, and I will eat the Passover meal with my disciples at your house.’” ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus told them and prepared the Passover meal there.

²⁰ When it was evening, Jesus sat down at the table with the Twelve. ²¹ While they were eating, he said, “I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me.”

²² Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, “Am I the one, Lord?”

²³ He replied, “One of you who has just eaten from this bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ For the Son of Man must die, as the

Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!”

²⁵ Judas, the one who would betray him, also asked, “Rabbi, am I the one?”

And Jesus told him, “You have said it.”

Why did Judas betray Jesus?

Judas wanted success. Jesus brings service.

Judas wanted success. Jesus brings sacrifice.

Matthew 26:26-30 (NLT)

²⁶ As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, “Take this and eat it, for this is my body.”

²⁷ And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, “Each of you drink from it, ²⁸ for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.

²⁹ Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father’s Kingdom.”

³⁰ Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you about this week’s sermon?

2. In what ways do we sometimes expect Jesus to fit into our own desires or agendas, rather than following Him as He is?

3. Judas served Jesus outwardly but ultimately betrayed Him with his life. How can we evaluate whether we are truly serving Jesus or a version of Him shaped by our own expectations?

4. Jesus responded to Judas with compassion, even knowing his betrayal. How can this challenge and inspire us in our interactions with those who may have wronged us?

5. In what ways might you, like Judas, be focused on personal gain or comfort over Jesus' call to sacrifice and service? How can you realign your focus?

6. What are some false expectations or "versions" of Jesus you've struggled with, and how have they affected your faith?

7. Where in your life are you fully embracing Jesus as He is and where are you tempted to betray Jesus' teachings in your daily life?