

“Et tu, Judas?”

I. **INTRO:**

- A. **Memorials:** Richie’s sister **Leah’s** memorial is **Monday 6:30pm** at Packing House in Redlands. - Stephany Vit’s brother **Steve** died cancer; service will be **Tuesday 10am**.
- B. **Congrats to Dominic & Keri Lee** - Baby finally came!
- C. **Leonardo da Vinci’s** timeless masterpiece ***Last Supper***, captures the dramatic moment when Jesus announce, “**one of you will betray me**” in vs.21,22 (inspired by these 2 vs.)
1. The Last Supper specifically portrays the reaction given by each apostle when Jesus said one of them would betray him. All the participants are **aghast w/ shock**, expressing amazement to one another....**except Judas**. **Left to right:**
 2. **Bartholomew, James**(son of Alphaeus) & **Andrew** form a group of 3 - all are surprised.
 3. **Judas Iscariot, Peter & John** form another group of 3. **Judas** is in shadow, looking rather withdrawn & taken aback by the sudden revelation of his plan. He’s clutching his betrayal fee. He’s the only person to have his elbow on the table. **Da Vinci** depicted him knocking over a **salt shaker** (1 chosen to be the **salt of the world** is the very one to **rub salt** into the Saviors wounds). **Peter** is holding a knife, perhaps foreshadowing his violent reaction in Gethsemane. **John**, appears to swoon.
 4. **Jesus** - center.
 5. **Thomas, James**(the greater) **Philip** are the next group of 3. **Thomas** is clearly upset; **James** stunned w/his arms in the air. **Philip** appears to be requesting some explanation
 6. **Matthew, Jude & Simon**(zealot) are the final group of 3. Both **Jude & Matthew** turned toward Simon, perhaps to find out if he has any answers.
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- D. Judas not only clutches **the 30 pieces of silver**; he holds tightly **a secret** only he & Jesus share at the table: **he is the betrayer!**

II. **Et tu, JUDAS?**

- A. **BETRAY!** (18-30)
- B. **Oreo Cookie Outline: Betray!** - **Love!** - **Deny!**
- C. (18) **See** Ps.41:9 - **Heel** = עֶקֶב (Aqev)
1. Only here in the NT. The metaphor is of one administering a kick. **Or** tripping with the heel like a wrestler. **Or** a horse raising its hoof & kicking.

2. On the ground & vulnerable, your own confidant, who should use his knee to protect you, instead chooses to lift his own foot/heel against you with a blow.¹
- David & Ahithophel** (1 Sam15-17; Ahithophel David's rt hand man till Absalom took over; Ahithophel became a traitor; David sends Hushai to give counsel against Ahitophel's; Ahithophel commits suicide)
 - See Gen.3:15.
 - We've all been backstabbed, betrayed, double crossed.
- D. No treachery is worse than betrayal by a **family member** or **friend**. **Julius Caesar** knew such treachery. Among the conspirators who assassinated the Roman leader on the Ides (15) of March 44bc was **Marcus Junius Brutus**. Caesar not only trusted Brutus, he had favored him as a **son**. According to Roman historians, Caesar first resisted the onslaught of the assassins. But when he saw Brutus among them with his dagger drawn, Caesar ceased to struggle and, pulling the top part of his robe over his face, asked the famous question, "*Et tu Brute*" (You too, Brutus?) [*Latin phrase used as an epitome of betrayal*]
- E. (19) Clearer in NASB, **From now on I am telling you before it comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am He.**
- Betrayal** is bad enough, but to do so *after sharing a meal* makes it more **heinous**.
 - Jesus** had to be betrayed, **but Judas** did not have to be that betrayer.
- F. (26) During the Passover meal, **the father** of the household would offer to the guests pieces of bread dipped in a sauce of fruit, representing the fruits of the Promise Land.
- It was the sign of **special attention**, & it was **one more appeal** to the **conscience** of Judas.
 - Jesus **washed** the very **heels** that were raised against Him... & **fed a morsel** to the very **lips** that would kiss His cheek to identify Him to His captures.
- G. (26,27) If the giving of the morsel to him in vs.26 was **Jesus' last appeal of love**, what state of heart does vs.27a indicate?
- Leonardo's seating arrangement wasn't exactly right(& they didn't sit as trad. tables)
 - Judas obviously received the place on the left hand, the seat of highest honor, kept for the most intimate friend. (John on his right; leaned on Jesus; rt hand free to eat)
 - Judas, come sit by me tonight; I want to talk to you. (again the very seat was an appeal)
- H. (27) Realizing the power of Jesus' love to soften even the most mercenary of traitors, **Satan** steps in to make sure that nothing foils his assassination plot.

¹ Rabbi Yosef Hilbrandt phone conversation.

- I. **Q: How do you respond when a heel of betrayal comes crushing down on you?**
1. "Forgiveness is the fragrance the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it."
 2. No one relishes being stepped on, any more than a violet does. But when it happens, let Jesus example be your response.
 - a) Let His fragrance exude in you *a potent forgiveness*, reaching the nostrils of the one whose heel has hurt you. (Swindoll)
- J. (28,29) Jesus **did not** reveal Judas's secret; in fact, he treated him just like the others & they didn't detect anything wrong.
1. Wow, **1st** to even invite him to the meal; **then** to wash his feet; **then** to give him the seat of highest honor; **then** to share His bread with him; **then** to show he could read hearts (How did Jesus know, Judas?).
 2. **Jesus w/the towel** is the perfect example of **humility**; **Judas w/the bread** is a perfect example of **hypocrisy & treachery**.²
- K. **What sorrow** must have constantly weighed on our Savior's heart, in knowing that all his love & care would be resisted by Judas, as a **rock in your flower garden** refuses to respond to the **friendly influences of spring**.³
1. The very presence of Jesus Himself for 3 years did nothing to change Judas.
- L. (30) Watch this...connect verse 30 **with** 12:35,36 :(
1. **Like Pharaoh, unbending & unchanged, Judas' heart** remains hardened. And so he ventures out into the cold, dark, alleyways of betrayal - far from the **Light** that loved him & offered him warmth!⁴
- M. **LOVE!** (31-35)
- N. What a relief the traitor now gone. The Lord could now freely speak of **His love & of His approaching glory**.
- O. (31,32) **Glory** - His glory & His Father's glory, was **the supreme end** of all Christ came to **be & do**.
- P. This is truly the **heart** of the whole passage. "**Love**"! (3 x's)
1. The mark of the Christian is the love which he or she exercises toward others.
 2. **A love not center upon one's own interest but rather upon the welfare of others**
 3. It's the kind of love **God** extends to us. **Thus, a reciprocal love is expected.**

² Warren Wiersbe; With The Word; John 13

³ F.B.Meyer; Jn. 13; adapted.

⁴ Chuck Swindoll; John 6-14; pg.81

4. What are the **characteristics of love?** [1 Cor.13 msg **Love** never gives up. **Love** cares more for others than for self. **Love** doesn't want what it doesn't have. **Love** doesn't strut, **Doesn't** have a swelled head, **Doesn't** force itself on others, **Isn't** always "me first," **Doesn't** fly off the handle, **Doesn't** keep score of the sins of others, **Doesn't** revel when others grovel, **Takes** pleasure in the flowering of truth, **Puts** up with anything, **Trusts** God always, **Always** looks for the best, **Never** looks back, **But keeps going** to the end. **Love** never dies]
5. What makes **Christian love** unique? [Power behind it; where it comes from (i.e. above; poured out into our hearts)]

Q. **DENY!** (36-38)

R. Oh how little we know ourselves!

S. Peter relied upon *his strong resolve* to keep him faithful to His Master.

1. We have done this many-a-time. It was the Holiness movement that the Wesley brothers & George Whitefield joined. "**We will read, study, memorize scripture faithfully. We will not fall to temptations. We will...**"
2. Do not boast in **self-confidence** what you will or won't do, **but** seek the strength from the **Living Lord**.
3. Fine line between a *commitment to holiness* & pure *self-confidence*.
4. Peter just **slid down a dark ravine** into the **shadows of self-confidence** & didn't even know it yet.

T. (37) **I will lay down my life for Your sake** - Well, yes he eventually would...but **after** the indwelling of the H.S. & **after** Pentecost.

1. **Read** Jn.21:18. **And** Peter said in his epistle **knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.** 1 Pet.1:14

U. The **difference** between Judas & Peter was, **one of whom betrayed Jesus** & **the other who denied Him** - **is that Peter sought forgiveness**, but **Judas did not**.

1. What could account for **so great a defection** from such a **dedicated** disciple?
 - a) **Simon, Simon! Satan** has asked for you, that he may **sift you as wheat**. Lk22:31
 - b) Satan wants to **thresh** his faith & beat it into the ground **until** the husk breaks open. Then he'll show the world what's really inside Peter's heart.⁵

(1) Then the backbone of the revolution will be as good as crushed!

V. (38) Somewhere in the night a rooster stretches its neck, shakes its feathers, & will crow an indictment against Peter.

1. But remember, it was **Satan**, not **Jesus** who did the sifting. **Jesus was the friend praying!** :) **But I have prayed for you**, that your faith should not fail; and **when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren**. Lk.22:32

⁵ Ken Gire; Intimate Moments with the Savior; pg.98

W. **Communion!**

X. **Ushers** will pass out *cups*; please hold, we'll partake together.

1. **1st Song - Prepare Hearts for repentance time!**

2. **We all have denied & betrayed the Lord.**

Y. **Hold the bread & allow me to walk us through things to confess before the Lord:**

Z. **When I'm too busy to pray - I deny** that you are the **center** of my life.

When I neglect Your Word - I deny that you are **competent** to guide me.

When I worry - I deny that you are the Lord of my **circumstances**.

When I turn my head from the hungry & the homeless - I deny that you are a God of mercy who has put me here to be your hands & your feet.

When I steal from another person to enrich or enhance my life - whether that be something **material** or **some credit** that is rightly do another which I have claimed for myself - **I deny** that you are the source of all blessings.

Forgive me Jesus for all those quiet ways, known only to you, in which I have denied you

Forgive me Jesus for each time this week I **didn't have love** for my brother/sister/neighbor.

Forgive me Jesus for every time I didn't **wash the heel** that was raised up against me.

AA. **2nd Song - Prepare Hearts for Thanksgiving time!**

BB. **Hold the cup & allow me to walk us through things to Thank Jesus for:**

CC. **Thank you for** all the times **You** have **prayed for me** that my faith might not fail.

Thank you for every time **You rescued me** from *Satan's siftings*, that I didn't even know

Thank you for being a **faithful Friend** no matter how terribly I have **failed You!**

Thank you for all the times you have prayed for me that my faith might not fail.

DD. **Last Song -**