

**Bible Study – March 3, 2021**  
**Betrayed by Me – Matthew 26:17-25; 47-50**

<sup>17</sup> On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>18</sup> He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” <sup>19</sup> So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. <sup>20</sup> When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve;<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>21</sup> and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup> And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” <sup>23</sup> He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” <sup>25</sup> Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.” <sup>49</sup> At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

**What is the most unexpected gift you have ever received? What was your response when you opened it?**

When Jesus calls us to follow him, we often have expectations of what our life with Jesus will look like. We may expect him to give us comfort, prosperity, and a life of ease. But what if he asks us to follow him into difficulty? That may not be what we expected and can lead us to a point where we ask ourselves, “Is it really worth following Jesus?”

Judas was once a friend of Jesus. But after some time, Judas decided he would rather not do what Jesus asked him to do. Judas betrayed Jesus. When we sin, we also betray Jesus. Instead of following him, we turn our backs and walk our own way. **In what ways does your sin make you like Judas?**

When we are in trouble, often our first reaction is to hide. The last person we want to see is the person who will punish us, so we try to go as far away from that person as possible. **What is your reaction when you get in trouble?**

We sometimes only want Jesus in parts of our lives. We will follow him while we are at church or with our Christian friends, but maybe not while we are at work or school. **When is it difficult for you to follow Jesus?**

