

The Seeds of Betrayal
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Why could the opponents of Jesus Christ not simply arrest Jesus while He was preaching in the temple courts?

What might cause a person to go from disciple to betrayer?

Sadly, many people who seem very convincing in their outward religious activities are not authentically _____

In Matthew 7:22-23, we learn two things about the unfaithful follower:

1. They are trusting in their own works, but lack _____ for Jesus.
2. They did not fall away from a true relationship with Jesus, because despite their religious activity, He never _____ them.

The scripture warns us that we should be very aware of our hearts. Christianity is not just about what you do, how you behave – it's about what you _____. Judas loved something more than he loved Jesus.

Luke 22:3-4 – Then _____ entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve.

To be clear – Satan is a _____ opponent.
(see Eph. 6:11, James 4:7, 1 Peter 5:8)

*While the enemy is a real threat to us, we cannot simply blame our failures on him!

NOTE: Judas fails to do the one thing that Jesus urged them to do at the end of the previous chapter's teaching – He did not _____ his heart. (see Luke 21:34-36)

There are three obvious warnings given in that passage...the disciples are told to...

- Watch – be alert to the _____ of temptation.
- Do not allow yourself to be _____ by the trap of worldliness.
- _____ for strength to remain alert, and to escape when necessary.

Mark 14:3-9, Matthew 26:6-13, and John 12:3-6 all indicate that Judas' heart was set on material things instead of being set on Christ.

PERSONAL APPLICATION: What battles for your heart's affection? Is there a lesser love that you have allowed to distract you from the God who has saved you? How can you guard your heart from that?

*Do not forget that God is *sovereign*, and nothing happens outside of His understanding and authority. Though the seeds of betrayal had been sown, even those seeds could not _____ apart from the will of God.