

Seek Servanthood

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Throughout God's Word, the _____ is a symbol of friendship, inclusion, and unity. As Jesus finishes teaching them the significance of the Communion Sacrament, one who sits there with them is ready to betray that unity.

Verse 22 tells us...

'The Son of Man goes as it has been _____ (decided beforehand by God), *but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed.*'

God has ordained for this treachery to happen, but that does not remove responsibility and guilt from Judas, who willingly betrayed Jesus in fulfillment of what had been determined.

Our sin is dangerous. It is destructive. But our sovereign God is able to use our sin in constructive ways to aid in the accomplishment of His greater good.

Verse 25 – *And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.*

Notice – we can deduce by their reaction that Judas played the role of _____ quite convincingly.

*Fruit (right behavior) is not a _____ indicator of true faith. (see 1 John 3:10)

In verse 24. the conversation goes from 'Which of us is the _____?' to 'Which of us is the _____?'
How does this happen?

Two kinds of deception are noted here:

1. _____ **fools the 11.** They didn't know he was a deceiver.
2. **The 11 fool _____.** They fool themselves into believing that they are more faithful than they really are.

*How we view ourselves is a tricky thing. It is so easy to miss the mark in regards to how we assess our own faithfulness

Jesus seizes the moment to teach them that they were not to follow the _____ patterns that were characteristic of the secular world they lived in.

- Secular leadership _____ their authority over those they are leading
- Secular authorities see power as a means of benefitting _____

Vs. 26 – 'But it is not this way with you...'

There is a radical reversal of expectations here – the world would seek power for the _____ of not having to serve, the believer would seek power to serve God and _____ more powerfully. (see also 1 Peter 5:1-5)

Godly leadership _____, sacrificially...and there is no greater example of this that Jesus Himself.

Leadership is NOT...

- The ability to be lazy because of one's acquired position
- The power to press your will upon others because they are weaker
- Basking in the praise that you deserve for exceeding your peers
- A means by which you leverage your desires

The greatest leader is the one who _____ nothing.

God truly needs nothing! He can lead us without exploiting us because he is not lacking, we have nothing that He does not already have.

We will be better leaders when we realize that, in Jesus Christ, we have all that we need! We are lacking nothing so long as we rely on Him.