

Title: The Greatest Love

Subtitle: Ongoing Betrayal

Text: Luke 22:47-53

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Subject Matter: Faithfulness. Opposition. Spiritual Warfare.

1. Sense _____ (vv.47-48)

Luke 22

47 While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, **48** but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" **49** And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" **50** And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

51 But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. **52** Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? **53** When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

2. Fight _____ (vv.49-51)

3. Understand _____ (vv.52-53)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **John 6:70-71** and **Matthew 7:15**. What are some of your reactions when you read of someone who appears to be so aligned with Christ becoming His betrayer?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 10:11-13** and **2 Corinthians 13:5**. How would you describe the proper role of personal introspection and spiritual evaluation? How could this be taken too far in the Christian life?
3. Read **Matthew 13:20-23**. What are some of the specific manifestations of the problems Christ mentions in vv.21-22?
4. Read **Hebrews 2:1** and **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**. How will you seek to battle for fidelity to Christ and His word in your life?