Judas, Jesus, and You

What does the betrayal of Jesus mean—

**1. For Judas?**

A. God chose him to *betray Christ*

John 13:18; Luke 22:22; Acts 2:22-23; 4:27-28

B. Christ chose him as *an apostle*

John 6:70-71; Luke 6:12-13

C. Judas chose to reject *what he knew*

John 13:17

D. God chose to give Judas *over to Satan*

John 13:2, 27; 17:12; 1 Kings 22:19-23

E. The doom of Judas was *certain*

**2. For Jesus?** It was necessary for Jesus

A. To follow the pattern of *righteous suffering*

John 13:18; Psalm 41:9

B. To be fitted out as our *high priest*

Hebrews 4:14-16

**3. For You?**

A. Complete your knowing *by doing*

John 13:17

B. Trust in God who foreordains *evil people*

Proverbs 16:4; 1 Peter 2:7-8; Jude 1:4

C. Endure betrayal

* By *imitating Christ*
* By *crying out to Christ*

**For Private Meditation or Family Discussion**

1. How did the Lord speak to you through the message? Did He put His finger on any habits or attitudes that you need to change? Did He encourage you regarding some difficulty, move you to undertake some new challenge, or open your heart to some truth you hadn’t seen before?

2. What will happen to those (like Judas) who do not receive the love of the truth, but rather take pleasure in wickedness (2 Thessalonians 8-12)?

3. What dangers do Christians face when they disobey the truth they know?

4. The evil actions of wicked men are part of God’s plan for the world (Proverbs 16:1-5). How does this help us face great evil? How did Joseph respond to his betrayal by his brothers (Genesis 50:15-21)?

5. How has God called us to respond when we are treated unjustly, as Jesus was (1 Peter 2:18-23)?