



Christ's Betrayers' DNA  
is in You & Me.

Mark 14:12-20;27-28

## The Universality of Sin

### Point 1-The Breadth of Human Sin:

At the Last Supper, in one moment Christ speaks to giving His life for the sins of the world, and in the next He interjects their coming failure.

As one commentator puts it: *In placing the Last Supper between the betrayal and the defection of the disciples the Gospel of Mark vividly conveys that the sin that necessitates the death of Jesus is not someone else's sin, but his own disciples.*

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

### Point 2-The Depth of Human Sin: Looking to our motives

While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, *"Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me."* Mark 14:18

### Why is Jesus deliberately ambiguous about His betrayer?

**Reason #1-** Jesus wants every one of his disciples to look into his/her own heart.

What motivates a person is the unseen  
portion of human character.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ultimately are about our motivation.

So one is serving to \_\_\_\_\_ another serves to \_\_\_\_\_.

The only way you can discover the difference? When things go \_\_\_\_

### **The Judas Principle:**

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, one of you eating with me here will betray me." Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, "Am I the one?"  
Mark 14:18,19

**The purpose of Jesus' open ended question then is to say to us:**

"You may not be a Judas through and through, but you all have a Judas in you.

### **Story of Job:**

Every time you go through a Job experience in life, every time things go really bad, it's God who is saying,

*"Now we'll see whether you got into this relationship to get me to serve you, or whether you got into this relationship for you to serve me."*

### **The Principle of Religion versus the Gospel**

Religion says: *I obey therefore I am accepted. Now God owes me.*

Good News say: *I am accepted through the infinite sacrifice of Jesus Christ and total grace, therefore I obey, and I owe Him everything.*

### **The Mary Principle:**

Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair.  
John 12:3

Judas found Jesus useful, but Mary had found Jesus beautiful.  
**Mary serves God just because of who He is.**

*A religious person says obedience to God is always a means to an end, But a Gospel person, a Mary, Jesus is an end unto himself.*

**Great, so how do I get a heart like Mary's?**

**Point 3-** How to overcome religion and love Jesus.

### **Why is Jesus deliberately ambiguous about His betrayer?**

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Mark 14:18

**Reason #2-** This is Jesus final act of love and grace to \_\_\_\_\_  
It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!"

Mark 14:21

**The How?** This beauty of Christ's gift of His life for you, it will get you out of yourself.

**You will begin to change as often as you look into this story.**

He was so holy only He could die in our place, but he was also so loving He was glad to die in our place.