



USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE DURING YOUR STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap: In the first message of our Eyewitness series, we're looking at Judas Iscariot. Judas was one of Jesus' disciples. He spent time with Jesus, listened to his teachings, and saw him perform miracles. But, in the end, he betrayed Jesus. How did that happen? There is a warning for all of us in the story of Judas: being with Jesus doesn't make you like Jesus. You must continually work on your heart and lean into Jesus to become more like Jesus.

» Main Points

- Three Character flaws that would describe Judas: Self-Righteous (Superior), Suspicious, Selfish.
- Judas didn't take care of his heart. He let it become hardened and bitter.
- As we head toward Easter, are you leaning into Jesus or turning away from him?

» Getting Started

- Talk about a time when you were an eyewitness to something.

» Observation

- Read and reflect on [John 12:4-8; 13:10-11, 21-27; Matthew 13:3-9; 27:4-5; John 3:1-21](#)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?



- One of the best ways to reach out during this season is to join a serve team at church, welcome teams, kids ministry, Lacuna, and operations. They all need help as we prepare to welcome many new people to our building. Reach Out by joining a serve team to ensure people know "We were expecting you." For more information, go to ehills.org/easter.



- Judas was one of Jesus' closest friends, having spent more than three years with him. But being close didn't help him love Jesus more. In what ways have you confused proximity for faithfulness?
- Reread Matthew 13:3-9. How would you describe the soil of your heart right now?
- How can self-righteousness, suspiciousness, and selfishness prevent you from the relationship Jesus wants to have with you?
- Reread John 3:1-21. Compare and contrast what you have learned about Judas with Nicodemus' nighttime encounter with Jesus. Then read [John 19:38-39](#). What do you notice?



- Have you ever had a friend or family member go behind your back or not live up to what you expected of them? It can be deflating when someone close to us isn't loyal. This week, engage in conversation about how you might respond to someone close to you who betrayed you. How can we respond in a way that is like Jesus?

» Next Steps and Prayer

- Nicodemus had questions and was not afraid to ask them. What questions do you have for Jesus? Spend time with Jesus this week, and don't be afraid to ask the hard questions. Try to keep leaning in and trusting Jesus, even when it doesn't make sense.
- Close by leaning into Jesus, asking the hard questions, and praying for the strength to trust him.