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**SERMON NOTES October 25, 2020**

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**John 13:18-30**  
**A False Follower**  
**Pastor Mike**

I. What \_\_\_\_\_ true and false disciples

a. False disciples often \_\_\_\_\_ true disciples

*The key question regarding Judas is \_\_\_\_\_?*

b. True disciples accept Jesus for \_\_\_\_\_

c. Accepting Jesus means embracing him as \_\_\_\_\_

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of following Jesus only as \_\_\_\_\_

III. True disciples accept and \_\_\_\_\_

to Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ in calling us to follow him

Closing challenge;

Questions for reflection, application, and discussion

1. Judas followed Jesus for 3 years as one of his 12 disciples. During that time none of the other 11 questioned his commitment or loyalty. The fact that he was put in charge of keeping the groups money suggests that he was highly trusted by the other disciples.
  - a. How could Judas be so close to Jesus for 3 years and still betray him? What can we learn from Judas' story about our own lives about people in the church today?
  - b. Many teachers and pastors comment on how Judas fooled the other disciples for 3 years. Do you think he primarily fooled them or that he fooled himself? Explain your answer.
  - c. What was the key difference between the true disciples (the 11) and the false disciple (Judas)? How do we know we're not a Judas?
2. Many people affirm that Jesus was a great teacher and example, but they reject that he was God. Why is the deity of Jesus such an important truth? Can a person be a true Christian while rejecting the deity of Jesus? Why or why not?
3. In John 13:13 Jesus said, *"you call me teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am."* In Matthew's account of this event (see Matthew 26:20-25), when Jesus told the disciples that one of them would betray him, the others responded by asking, *"It is I, Lord,"* while Judas responded by asking, *"Is it I, Rabbi"*
  - a. What is the difference between accepting Jesus as teacher and accepting him as Lord?
  - b. Can a person accept Jesus as teacher but not as Lord? Can a person accept Jesus as Lord, but not as teacher? Explain your answer.
4. Romans 10:9 teaches, *"if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."*
  - a. What does it mean to accept and confess that Jesus is Lord? Can a person believe the right things theologically about Jesus and not accept him as Lord?
  - b. Can a person accept Jesus as savior, while rejecting him as Lord, or as God of their life? Why or why not.
5. In the first 30 verses of John 13, Jesus three times brings up the fact that one of the disciples is about to betray him, but each time he was vague, avoiding saying who the person was. Even when asked directly who it was, he gave an ambiguous answer talking about giving the person a piece of bread.
  - a. Why is this such a surprising approach. If you knew that someone who was that close to you was about to betray you, how would you handle it? Why did Jesus handle it this way?
  - b. In his message, Pastor Mike taught that Jesus was reaching out to Judas, pointing out his sin as a way of inviting him to grace. What does this teach us about Jesus? What does it teach us about how Jesus relates to us?