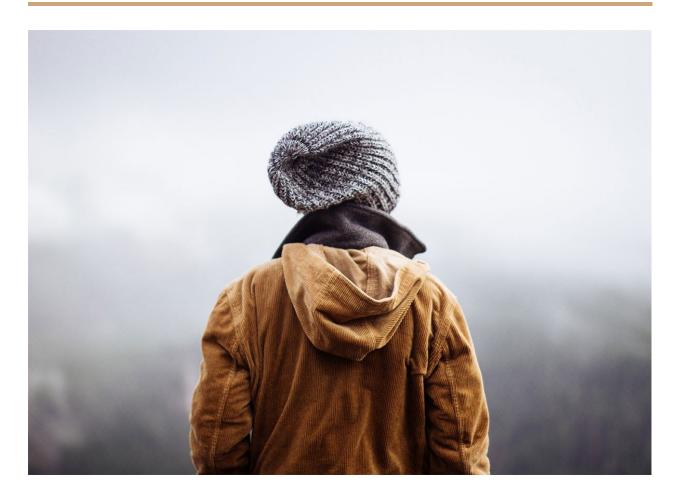
WEDNESDAYHOLY WEEK DEVOTIONS



Luke 21:37-22:6

In this passage, we see the depiction of Wednesday of Holy Week. Jesus continues his teaching in the temple... We know the Passover is approaching, the chief priests, elders, and scribes are plotting to kill Jesus. Satan takes over Judas Iscariot and he goes to the Jewish authorities and betrays Jesus for money.

We see here the Jewish authorities' misunderstanding of Jesus comes to a climax. They wanted to kill Him and do it quickly. In this passage, we also see that Judas is deceived by

Satan and he gives up Jesus - who was his friend... he had followed Him for a long time at this point, but he betrays Him and basically has Him killed.

Most of us claim to follow Jesus, some of us have been following Him for many years... But I wonder, what would it take for you to betray Jesus? Is there anything that you love in this world so much that you would choose it over Jesus?

REFLECT:

Jesus knew what was coming for Him... obviously on Wednesday He was only two days away from the cross - What do you think it was like for Jesus during this time?

What would it take for you to give up Jesus?

Are there things in your life that you need to give up in order to follow Jesus more closely?

How can you help your friends to follow Jesus more closely?

PRAY:

- 1. Pray that you would not lose sight of Jesus and what He has done for you as we move toward Easter this week.
- 2. Pray that God would help you to move closer to Jesus.
- 3. Pray that the Holy Spirit would convict you of the things in your life that are pulling you away from Jesus.
- 4. Pray for your friends, that they would follow Jesus closely.