



# E A S T E R

Discussion Questions after Paradox Church May 4, 2024  
“Jesus and the Betrayal of Love” Mark 14:10-11, 43-46

## Original Text

As a group, read through the original text of Mark 14 on the back of this sheet.

## Questions

1. If you have heard the story of Judas before Saturday’s service, how did this teaching change or challenge the way you understand Judas now? If you have never heard this story of Judas before, what was it like hearing it for the first time?
2. During the sermon, we highlighted how the question, “Why?” will not mitigate our pain, but it will help us distinguish between preventable and unpreventable suffering. How did this portion of the sermon land with you?
3. “If you follow Jesus, then you will experience betrayal.” After saying this, Craig spoke at length about how everything is connected (or, unitive consciousness). Did you find these ideas to be true, false, helpful, or hurtful? Why?
4. Craig talked about how our faith in God will not help us to avoid the heartache of betrayal, but, instead, our faith in God will help us to love without fear. If this is true, is the whole journey of faith worth it? Or does it sound like a letdown to you?
5. How can this conversation and the church service this past Saturday help you to become a more loving person in the near future?

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Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand Jesus over to them. 11 Hearing what he had to say, they were jubilant and promised to give him money. Then Judas started looking for an opportune moment to betray Jesus.

(Sometime later,) while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came up accompanied by a crowd carrying swords and clubs; they had been sent by the chief priests, the religious scholars and the elders. The betrayer had arranged this signal for them: “Whomever I (kiss) is the one; arrest him and take him away under guard.” Judas went directly to Jesus, (kissed) him and said, “Rabbi!” At this, they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.