

“Lord, Is It I?”

Matthew 26:14-25

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- “Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests 15 and said, What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you? And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. 16 So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him. 17 Now on the first day of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover? 18 And He said, Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples. 19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.”

Matt. 26:20-25

- “When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. 21 Now as they were eating, He said, Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me. 22 And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, Lord, is it I? 23 He answered and said, He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. 24 The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born. 25 Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, Rabbi, is it I? He said to him, You have said it.”

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- The Lord’s Supper is meant to be special. It is His Supper.
 - He instituted it
 - He determined what would be eaten
 - He gave the elements their meaning
 - He limited those who may eat it

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- The Lord’s Supper is still limited today. It is restricted to baptized believers who are members of the Lord’s Church
 - Like His supper, He also defines the nature of His church
 - He limits those who enter; it must be by obedience to the gospel
 - He limits membership to those who remain faithful
 - He defines the work, worship, and organization of His Church
 - There are no betrayers in the Lord’s Church eating the Lord’s Supper at His table.

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- Everyone must ask the question: “Lord, is it I?”
- Who are the betrayers of Christ?
 - Titus 1:16 - “They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.”
 - 2Tim. 3:5 - “Having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!”
 - Jude 12 - “These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves.”

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- Satan among the saints
 - Job 1:6 - “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.”
 - The Adversary will be found among them if it serves his purposes.
 - The Lord’s question illuminates the fact that Satan did not belong there

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- Assembling with God’s people will not protect us from the Adversary
- Assemblies are not free from sinful people
 - Rev. 2:14-15 - “But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. 15 "Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.”

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- Satan has an agenda when he assembles with children of God
 - To bring harm to Christians
 - To bring harm to unsaved visitors

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- Has he impacted your worship and service to God?
- To their credit, instead of looking at the others, each disciple was moved to ask about himself, “Lord, is it I?”
 - Matt. 26:22 - “And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, Lord, is it I?”
 - 2Cor. 13:5 - “Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? --unless indeed you are disqualified.”

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- Worship has to do with my attitudes and actions
 - John 4:23-24 - “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth”

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- Challenges to spiritual part of worship
- The Lord’s Supper?
 - 1Cor. 11:27-29 - “Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.”

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- Challenges to spiritual part of worship
- Singing and praying?
 - 1Cor. 14:15 - “What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.”

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- Challenges to spiritual part of worship
- Contribution?
 - 1Cor. 16:1-2 - “Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: 2 On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.”
 - 2Cor. 9:7 - “So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.”

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- Challenges to spiritual part of worship
- Listening to the word?
 - Acts 17:11 - “These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.”
 - 1Thes. 2:13 - “For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.”

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- Measuring myself by others?
- An unwise standard
 - 2Cor. 10:12 - “For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.”
 - Gal. 6:4 - “But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.”

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- Measuring myself by others?
- Tends toward false evaluations
 - Luke 18:9, 14 - “Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others... 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted”

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- Measuring myself by others?
- Must exceed the average
 - Matt. 5:20, 46 - “For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven... 47 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?”

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- Measuring myself by others?
- Jesus Christ is the only acceptable standard
 - 1Peter 2:21 - “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps”
 - 1Cor. 11:1 - “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.”

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- Neglecting duties towards others?
 - Gen. 4:9 - “Then the LORD said to Cain, Where is Abel your brother? He said, I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?”
 - Gal. 6:10 - “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”
 - Luke 10:29 - “But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, And who is my neighbor?”

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- Neglecting duties towards others?
- Am I talking with others about the Lord?
 - Prov. 11:30 - “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise.”

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- Neglecting duties towards others?
- Am I encouraging my brethren?
 - Heb. 3:13 - “But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today...”
 - 1Thes. 5:14 - “Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.”

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- Neglecting duties towards others?
- Am I setting a good example?
 - Matt. 5:16 - “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”