

▼ **The Judas Principle**

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- **Read the Passage: John 13:1-30**

▼ **Purpose of the Sermon (what listeners should do)**

- Understand how Jesus treated Judas.
- Reflect on how Jesus fulfilled the Sermon On The Mount leading up to his crucifixion.
- Apply this to our difficult relationships.

▼ **Background**

▼ Remember our calling to be a blessing to others.

- God called Abraham to be a blessing to others. As Abraham's heirs, this also applies to us. - Genesis 12:1-3
- We're not blessed because of our own righteousness. - Deuteronomy 9:1-6

▼ Are we treating each other like brothers and sisters (i.e. like family)?

- The early church became family to each other - Acts 2:42-47
- Bear with one another - Ephesians 4:1-6
- Build one another up - Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

▼ Understand how to treat one another specifically:

▼ 5 Love Languages

- Words of Affirmation
- Acts of Service
- Receiving Gifts
- Quality Time
- Physical Touch
- Do you know the love languages of anyone else in on your team or in the congregation?

▼ Are we humbly serving others?

- Be humble - Matthew 18:1-4

- Serve others - especially the ones you want to lead - Matthew 20:20-28
- Remember not to judge improperly: Matthew 7:1-6

▼ **Understand how Jesus treated Judas.**

- Jesus knew Judas would betray him.
- Jesus knew Judas would have been better off not having been born. - Matthew 26:20-25
- Jesus loved Judas - John 13:1
- Jesus washed Judas' feet.

▼ Jesus was honest with Judas, but didn't lecture him.

- He did warn the disciples so that they would realize that he embraced his destiny.
- Jesus fed Judas.

▼ **Reflect on how Jesus fulfilled the Sermon On The Mount leading up to his crucifixion.**

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▼ **Apply this to our difficult relationships.**

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▼ **Conclusion**

- Train for this. Put it into practice - Matthew 7:24-27.

▼ **Discussion Questions**

- Have you ever been betrayed? Discuss?
- What does Jesus' treatment of Judas teach you about your own difficult relationships?
- Are there any relationships you need to work on before communion next week?