

A Biblical Perspective on the Last Supper
Matthew 26:17-29

Not everyone present at the last supper was true follower of Jesus.

Judas had already made plans to betray Jesus.

Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.

Matthew 26:14–15 ESV

Judas was a poser.

And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?"...Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?"

Matthew 26:23, 25 ESV

Everyone at the Last Supper questioned their loyalty to Jesus? Their confidence was shaken as they realized that one of them was a traitor.

They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?"

Mark 14:19 ESV

Their confidence was further shaken when they realized that they all met the criteria for being a traitor.

He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me.

Mark 14:20 ESV

Jesus Christ refused to be tactful since his death was near. He was very straight with Judas even before the Passover.

Judas was a devil.

Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the Twelve? And yet one of you is a devil."

John 6:70 ESV

Judas was chosen for the purpose of betraying Jesus.

He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the Twelve, was going to betray him. **John 6:71 ESV**

If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, ‘He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’

John 13:17–18 ESV

The disciple’s pride needed to be dealt with firmly.

Every disciple would be a traitor to Jesus.

After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, “Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”

John 13:21 ESV

They all met the criteria for betrayal.

He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me.

Matthew 26:23 ESV

Later in the garden, Peter vows never to deny Jesus.

Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

Matthew 26:31 ESV

Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”

Matthew 26:33–34 ESV

Every disciple follows suit.

Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.

Matthew 26:35 ESV

The Lord 's Table doesn't give grace, it reminds us his grace given in his sacrificial death.

COMMUNION SERVICE – Luke 22:19-20

Jesus seeks to restore sinners to a right relationship with him.

John 21:15-17

Twice Jesus asked Peter “do you love me” using the greek word “agapao”.

Twice Peter responds to Jesus question by using the Greek word “phileo”

Jesus finally responds by asking “do you love me” using phileo.

Peter is grieved that Jesus questioned his “phileo” kind of love.

Peter is so humbled by his betrayal that he cannot affirm an agapao kind of love, only a phileo kind of love.