

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

# Betrayal

## OUR FAMILY NEWS

**Pray:** Whitney Decker's family for the loss of her grandfather. Danesa, Brandon Nicholson had knee surgery recently, Darlene Smith, Wayne Ezell, and Peggy Beebe

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers. Chris and Christine are travelig. Tina Crawford is traveling. Beverly Murdock is traveling.

**Family Events:** There will be a men's coffee and Bible Study at Ed Maxwell's home on Friday May 3, beginning at 8:00 AM. All the men of the congregation are encouraged to attend. There will be a breakfast and devotional at the Mat-Su Family Restaurant on Saturday May 4 beginning at 8:00 AM. All members are encouraged to attend. Following the breakfast, there will be a Young Men's Training session held at the church's building. After this we will knock doors inviting people to VBS.

**Radio Program:** Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

**Today's Scripture:** "Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so." **Matthew 26:25 (ESV)**

**Today's Wisdom:** "If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed the generation of your children." **Psalm 73:15 (ESV)**

Attendance Last Sunday: 87/56 Record: 107

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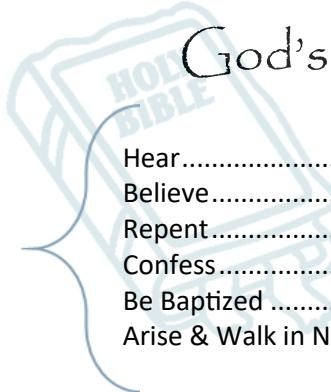
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# Church of Christ AT WASILLA

## God's Plan of Salvation

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- Hear ..... Romans 10:17
  - Believe ..... Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
  - Repent ..... Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
  - Confess ..... Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
  - Be Baptized ..... Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
  - Arise & Walk in Newness of Life ..... Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

### MEETING TIMES

#### Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM

AM Worship: 11AM

PM Worship: 5PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

### OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

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## Betrayal

He allowed a woman to waste a valuable bottle of oil by pouring it over His head as He sat eating. We could have sold it and helped a lot of poor, and I could have had some for myself as well. Afterall I was the one who was responsible for the money that we had, but I was always considered last among His closest followers. But when He heard us talking about this waste, He chastised us! He said that we would always have the poor with us, but He would not be with us always. I thought about this, and realized that something needed to be done. We didn't need to waste such a valuable asset like this. So I went to the chief priests and offered to deliver Him to them if they would pay me (Matthew 26:6-16). After my meeting with the priest, we met for our Passover meal. At that meal He seemed to know that I had met with the priest and agreed to turn him over to them. How He knew this, I have no idea. I tried to act innocent like the rest, but when I asked Him if it was me He said "Thou hast said" (Matthew 26:17-25). We were staying in a place called Gethsemane. It was kind of a garden and there were a lot of family groups staying in it as well since Jerusalem was overflowing with Jews who had come in for the Passover. And once again, I was left out. He went up to pray and took Peter, and the two brothers James and John and left the rest of us behind (Matthew 26:36-37).

This was the opportunity I needed. So I went back into Jerusalem, to the chief priest and they gave me a band of soldiers and some officers of the chief priests and Pharisees. These had torches, lanterns and weapons. Finally I was the leader, finally I was first. This entire group of officers and soldiers depended on ME, Judas Iscariot. It wasn't Peter, it wasn't John it was me. The one who was always last, but now I am the leader. I lead these men to the spot where I knew Jesus and the rest would be spending the night. I had decided to identify Jesus with a kiss, so that the soldiers and officers of the chief priest would know who to arrest. Afterall it was night and they may not be able to recognize Him as easily as I would. When we arrived at the place where they were staying, things didn't go exactly as planned. I was going to kiss Him because I thought He would be hard to find in the dark. However when we arrived, He walked out to meet us! He didn't try to hide. He didn't try to avoid this group of soldiers. Instead He walked right out and asked who we were looking for. When one of the group of men with me said "Jesus of Nazareth" He said "I am he" and something awful happened. These hardened soldiers and officers of the chief priests fell backward and toppled onto one another like scared children! When they regained their composure, Jesus asked again "Whom do you seek?". And the soldiers said "Jesus of Nazareth". Jesus only said "I told you that I am he, So if you seek me, let these men go". Peter, of course, being who he is cut off the ear of Malchus in an attempt to prevent Jesus arrest I guess. But Jesus told him to put away his weapon and healed the severed ear. Then I kissed him and he was arrested as planned. (John 18:1-12)

## By: Bill Beebe

Jesus was our leader. I had seen Him heal lepers, restore sight to the blind, heal the lame and even raise the dead. I was there when He stood outside Lazarus' grave and commanded him to come out. And the one who had been dead long enough to be stinking walked out alive again! I was there when He told the sea and wind to calm down and they immediately heeded His commands. I saw Him walking on the sea, and even took a few steps on the surface of the water myself before understanding that I couldn't be doing this. He chastised me for my lack of faith and asked why I doubted. And I was there at the supper when He told us that one would betray him. After we ate the unleavened bread that He said was His body, and drank the fruit of the vine that He said was His blood, we thought about this not really understanding it at the time. Then He told us that this was to be the last supper we would have with Him until we ate and drank it again in the Fathers Kingdom. After this He told us that we would all fall away from Him this night. This upset me and I promised Him that even though all the rest would abandon Him, I never would. I loved Him, I knew that He was different. I knew that He was the Son of God, and had told Him that. So how could I abandon Him? But He told me that before the rooster crows in the morning I would deny even knowing Him three times. I promised Him that I would die before doing that, and the rest agreed with me (Matthew 26:26-35).

But I didn't count on Judas. He brought a band of soldiers and officers of the chief priest and they arrested Jesus. Everyone ran away, but I followed them at a distance, along with another of the disciples, into the courtyard of the home of the High Priest. Since the other disciple knew the High Priest, he went inside and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door and she allowed me to come inside as far as the courtyard. The servant girl who let us into the home of the High Priest, said to me "You are not one of this mans disciples are you?" and I said "I am not". Since it was a cool night, there was a warming fire and I went there to warm myself up. While standing around the fire, someone said to me "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" and I said "I am not." Then Malchus, whose ear I had cut off, said "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" And I denied being there with Him. Just then the rooster crowed and I remembered what Jesus had said to me as He turned to look at me (Luke 22:61). I cried bitterly.

Two accounts of men who betrayed Jesus. One intentional and with forethought, and the other under pressure from those around him. Will we betray Jesus? If so will it be because we intended to because we are willing to give up the faith, or will it be because of peer pressure? Or will we remain strong and maintain our Christian faith? We all make that decision everyday when we have an opportunity to talk to someone about Him. Will you remain loyal and speak about Him, or will you betray His love and keep quiet?