



Personal & Group Study Guide: March 6, 2022

Message Series: The Purpose of Pain: How Jesus Makes Sense of Our Suffering

Message Title: BETRAYED

Series Intro: Why does God allow unjust pain and suffering? Why do bad things happen to good people? Whether you're a believer or a skeptic, these questions are near to every hurting, human heart. Every Sunday between now and Easter (Apr 17), we'll explore these questions in search of God's Truth.

Most people imagine Jesus of Nazareth to have been a nice-looking, well-dressed man with gentle features, slightly taller than his disciples. But how do the Bible's descriptions of Jesus contradict our common conceptions of his appearance? (see Isaiah 53:2-3)?

Read Matthew 4:1-11. How, specifically, did Satan tempt Jesus in the wilderness? What is surprising about these temptations?

Temptations = God-given _____ + Man-made _____

Who was Judas Iscariot, and what do we know about him? (See John 6:67-71, John 12:4-6, Matthew 26:14-16, Mark 14:43-45, Matthew 27:3-5)

What were Judas' possible motives for betraying Jesus?



What does it tell us about Jesus that he continued to include and love a man he knew would betray him?

How did Jesus handle the pain of Judas' betrayal, (See Matthew 26:47-54), and what does this teach us about the purpose of pain?

Ways to Connect Today:

- 1. Page 1 Gathering** - If you're new to The Story and want to learn all about our mission, values, and ways to get involved, or you're ready to become a member of our church, join Pastor Eric **TODAY AT 12:15pm** at the Museum District, or Pastor Kale at the Timbergrove campus.
- 2. Serve with our kids ministry** - Every Sunday, our NextGen Ministries team holds classes for children of all ages, and they need your help! Volunteer teachers are currently needed to lead students through a fun lesson and engaging craft or activity. No prior teaching experience required.
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