

# I Am Judas

(Luke 22-23)

- Introduction:
1. Ills. "I am Sparticus."
  2. Ills. Article by Matt Walsh.
  3. When we consider the events leading to the death of Jesus, we are horrified at the treachery and cowardice of everyone around Jesus.
  4. I want to put distance between me and those people.
  5. But the more I evaluate the events of that weekend, and the more honest I am with myself, I am more disturbed, not by their actions, but by the way I can relate to each one of them.

**I. I Am Judas (Luke 22:1-6)**

- A. Have I ever betrayed Jesus?
- B. Have I ever sold him out?
- C. Have I ever plotted against him so that I could have or do what I want?

**II. I Am Peter (Luke 22:54-62)**

- A. How many times have I denied Jesus, maybe not with words but with my deeds?
- B. How many times have I tried to blend with the world.
- C. How many times have I tried to avoid suffering and sacrifice?

**III. I Am Pontus Pilate (Luke 23:13-25)**

- A. How many times have I compromised to find middle ground with society?
- B. How many times have I looked on indifferently at injustice?

**IV. I Am Herod (Luke 23:6-12)**

- A. Have I ever treated Jesus like a magician who can do "tricks" for me?
- B. Have I ever made shallow and selfish petitions that received no answers?

**V. I Am Barabbas (Luke 23:18-25)**

- A. Have I ever failed to realize my indebtedness and show gratitude for what Jesus has done for me?

**VI. I Am The Crowd (Luke 23:13:25)**

- A. Have I ever stood with the crowd rather than alone with Jesus?

**VII. I Am The Unrepentant Thief (Luke 23:39-41)**

- A. Have I ever wanted rescued from the consequences of my own sins?
- B. Have I ever been bitter toward others when it was I who was responsible?

- Conclusion:
1. Song - "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"
  2. "Yes, I was there!" I am the villain in the story. I killed Jesus. It was me. It was because of my sins.
  3. But thank God, there is yet another character in this story, the penitent thief (Luke 23:39-43).
  4. I am him too. I, like him, recognize my sinfulness and can only repent in sorrow and ask for grace.
  5. And because God is who he is, he offers us the terms of his pardon.
  6. Will you accept those terms?