



## Week 14: The Table of Grace

Mark 14 doesn't just show us Judas' betrayal, it holds up a mirror so we can see the "Judas" in us. Too many Christians love the idea of Jesus rather than Jesus Himself. They want the blessings Jesus offers without the sacrifice Jesus requires and the result is a lukewarm faith that eventually grows ice cold. In an incredible display of grace, Jesus offers Judas, not just a seat at the table, but a seat next to Him. It's a reminder that even in our failure, Jesus invites us to His table of grace to be His guest of honor.

### Discussion Questions:

1. **Read Mark 14:1-26.** What's one thing you held onto in life that you later realized was holding you back from the life God wanted for you?
2. Why do you think the religious leaders saw Jesus as such a threat? What does that reveal about their hearts? In what ways is Jesus a "threat" to our way of life today? (comfort, control, priorities, finances, etc.). Has this ever kept you from full devotion to Jesus personally?
3. Shawn posed the question: *Do you love Jesus or do you just love the idea of Jesus?* How would you honestly answer this question?
4. Judas followed Jesus for three years. Why do you think he was willing to betray Him? How can we guard ourselves against doing the same?
5. Jesus still invited Judas to the table, knowing what he would do. What does that tell us about His grace? In what ways has Jesus demonstrated that kind of grace to you? In what ways do you need to receive that grace right now?
6. Close your time by praying for each other to let go of whatever is holding you back spiritually and to begin walking and living in God's grace.