

**The Bad Boys of Easter**  
The Pretender  
April 10, 2022

**Notes:**

**Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion**

**Read Matthew 19:27.**

It's natural to expect a return on an investment. Like Peter, we too wonder, what's in it for me? What kind of expectations have you had of God?

**Read Matthew 26:6-16.**

What stands out to you in this story, and where do you see yourself in it?

Consider the extravagance of Mary's gift to Jesus. She gave every ounce of what was her security for the future to Him. In what way(s) do you pour out your love for Jesus?

*"There's a little bit of Judas in all of us,"* meaning that we're all tempted to trade in our relationship with Jesus when we're disappointed, when He doesn't respond the way we thought He should. In what ways have you 'traded' your relationship with Jesus for something lesser?

What do you think it was that blinded Judas to who Jesus really was and what He came to do? Is there an area of your life where you are blind, or maybe deaf, to what Jesus wants to do in you? What is it? Are you bargaining or trading to avoid what He's asking of you? What will it take for you to surrender?

**Read John 13:31.**

With these words, Jesus expresses His complete confidence in God's plan and timing. In what area of your life do you need to more fully trust God's plan and timing? What would it look like for you to do that?