

Don't Dip Your Hand

Matthew 26:20-23

As Jesus and the disciples were engaging in the last supper, he tells them that one of them will betray him. They all hear him and are deeply saddened by this accusation. Each of them with sincere hearts ask, "Surely, it is not me."

They could not imagine that one of them would betray the Son of God. This could not be. They patiently waited for an answer, and he declared that the one who dips his hand in the bowl is the one.

Imagine the deafening silence and the unease as the culprit is revealed. This is the most intense moment in their three year journey and the scariest. At that very moment Judas dips his hand.

They are all in a close relationship with Jesus, but Judas does not value the relationship because he betrays Jesus with a kiss. Satan had entered Judas and caused him to raise his hand above the table and dip with Jesus.

This should be a time of self-reflection when we come to the communion table. What have you done in the last 30 days that you need to repent of? Confess it before you come to the table.

We should live in a state of expectation. What are the promises God has made for us? As the disciples waited with expectancy to hear who would betray him, we should wait to hear from the Lord as well. When we pray we wait to hear from him, for all good things come from above.

It is most important to let Jesus be the true Lord of our life and not treat him as if he is only our teacher and friend. Judas called

him Rabbi, thereby demoting his lordship. Jesus is our Savior and Lord and we should respect him as such. Don't allow the enemy to cause you to dip your hand in an unsanctioned bowl.