

Great Double Cross

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Matthew 27.
- B. The most important nation was the nation of Israel.

II. Judas's betrayal.

- A. The devil used Judas as a utensil, and had Judas had known this he never would have acted.
- B. Judas did not hate Jesus. Judas betrayed Christ because he wanted financial gain and a public favor.
- C. Those who betray Jesus today do so out of an ulterior motive.
- D. Judas committed suicide, but he could not even do this with dignity.
- E. The world tears the young Christian down to the point where he becomes a coward in his daily living—he becomes ashamed to witness and betrays Jesus to stay popular with the crowd.
- F. Satan is out to destroy a person.
- G. We have a friend to help us who died for us on the cross—we must turn to Jesus while we can.

Application questions:

1. Why is it unlikely that people who “betray” Jesus today do so out of open hate for him?

2. What are ways that Christians betray Jesus today?

3. How can we help each other to remain strong in our testimonies?
