
BAD BOYS OF EASTER

Week 1: Judas + God Offers Spiritual Blessing in Christ



What'cha gonna do when they come for you? They all came, or they all left him. One by one, disciples, religious leaders, and the Roman Governor, were the bad boys who sent Jesus to the cross. Count down the last hours of Jesus' life with these bad boys who deceived, doubted, denied, and ultimately put Jesus to his death.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a time in your life when you received grace from someone else. How did receiving this grace from someone impact or shape your life?
2. **Read Ephesians 1:1-14.**

Paul uses the word "grace" in 1:2, and will use this at other times in his letter to the Ephesians. What does the word "grace" mean? How specifically has God shown us grace according to 1:1-14?
3. **Re-read Ephesians 1:3-7.** How do the Father, Son and Holy Spirit show us grace in these verses? What does it mean to become adopted sons and daughters of God? What are the benefits of being adopted sons and daughters of God?
4. **Re-read Ephesians 1:9-10.** Ephesians 1:9-10 describes the mystery of God's will. What is God's mysterious will, according to the passage? How is God calling people into his will for all creation?

As you think about the mystery of God's will and the teaching from this past Sunday about Judas, how is Judas' betrayal of Jesus that is set in motion in John 13:18-30 evidence that he forgot the purpose of God's will was to bring all things in heaven and on earth under the head - Christ?

5. How are you living out the will of God as his adopted son or daughter? In what ways are you challenged to submit to the leadership and Lordship of Christ? How will you seek God's grace during this season of Lent to submit more fully to Jesus Christ and his leadership and Lordship over your life?
6. Pray for one another to be more submitted to Jesus' leadership and Lordship in your lives.

BE THE REVOLUTION

God gives us grace through Jesus Christ - our leader and Lord - and desires us to submit to him.

RENOVATING THE HEART

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight (*Ephesians 1:4*).