

"The Great Betrayal" - Mt. ~~26:14-16~~ ^{26:14-16}
Lk. 22:20 - "Which is He that betrayeth thee?"

I. By Judas.

A. Judas himself

1. a confidential servant
2. a trusted friend
3. a preacher
4. apparently good reputation.

B. The Betrayal itself.

1. Greed over conscience
2. With a kiss
3. In spite of warning.
4. Sought out his own temptation. Mt. 26:16

C. God's reasons for permitting it.

1. 12 legions of angels could have rescued Jesus.
2. that man's sin might culminate in Christ's death.
3. that through his death ^{man's} sin might offer a perfect atonement for sin.

II. By others Today.

A. False religious Teachers
who misrepresent him. 1 Jn. 2:22
Jude 1:9

1. Harnack

2. Schweitzer

3. Arthur Drews, (myth in N.T.)

B. Professing Christians who Deny Him
in their Conduct.

1. Prov. 55:21, "His words were softer than
oil, yet were they drawn swords."

2. 2nd Tim. 2:19, "Let every one that
nameth the name of Christ
depart from iniquity."