

Witnesses to the Christ
Judas
John 13: 21-30; Matthew 27: 3-5

It took three years to complete!

“Nothing shall detract from Jesus!”

- **There is _____ .**
- **They are eating _____ .**
- **The Question is _____?**
- **The answer is for _____ .**

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Message Application:

A middle-age and slightly overweight Scottish woman walked out from behind a theater curtain. Her hair was going in all different directions, and she was wearing a dress that wasn't very flattering. People in the audience rolled their eyes and let out a collective sigh of disappointment.

No one expected anything from this woman. That was the way it was on April 11, 2009, when Susan Boyle began to sing.

After her song, though, people exploded with applause! The video clip of Susan Boyle became the most-watched YouTube video at the time. Her first recording broke all sales records. Susan Boyle wasn't what people expected. Susan Boyle was much more!

What may look ordinary can be completely extraordinary. That is the point of why Jesus died for us. Left to ourselves we or so ordinary sinners. We are lost and confused and blind and as the Apostle Paul says, "We are dead." (Read Romans) Then surprise! Jesus comes and he says, "You are the light of the world." He says his church will shake the very gates of Hades or death. He says we are friends of God, that God is our Father and that we will fish for men and be children of God. Jesus makes those that will take him at his word and trust him into the extraordinary! Judas can't stop him, denial won't silence his changing power. He makes the ordinary extraordinary.

This week I want to encourage you to step out beyond your fears, shame, shortcomings and sin. Allow your great friend Jesus to bring the extraordinary into your life! Then do something extraordinary in his Spirit and power! My friend read the Scriptures in all four Gospels about the last week of Jesus before the cross. Read about the betrayal and the crucifixion and final read about his Resurrection.

Get lost in the story. Claim it for yourself. He wants to resurrect you today!

Peace & Grace,

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