Luke 22:14 says that "the hour had come." It was time for Jesus to be taken to the cross and there be nailed for nothing that warranted His execution. But "the hour" that according to Acts 2:23 had been planned from eternity by God "had come." What Jesus said in verse 15 to the others who sat down with Him around the Passover Table also should have been said to Christ by all of the Apostles. "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you..." As much as Jesus desired to eat the Passover with them, they should "have desired to eat the Passover with Jesus." And maybe they did, but that is not what is recorded. A good question to ask ourselves at this time would be have we fervently desired to eat this Lord’s Supper with Christ? Or have we done this so many times that it has become blasé, meaningless? Did we even think this morning on our way here about our coming to this table? Did we give it any thought last night before we went to bed? Our Passover, Christ, (1 Corinthians 5:7) fervently desired to eat the Passover with His Apostles. Unlike our assembly in which some brethren are absent, all the Apostles were there.

We know verses 17 – 20 very well. They are the four verses that are usually read at the Lord’s Supper Table. But it is verse 21 that has my attention. It is a chilling verse. "But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table." The Passover supper was a holy supper but an unholy hand belonging to an unholy person was there also. Of course, it was Judas. He too would eat this holy supper right along with the other eleven. And he did. It didn’t bother him one whit to desecrate the supper by his participation in it. It really didn’t mean all that much to him or he would not have participated. But had he not participated he would have stood out like a sore thumb. So he hid behind the supper thinking that no one would know who or what he really was. But, Christ, who knew the hearts of all men knew. "...behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table." Judas could not hide from the eye of the Lord.

Luke We offer the supper to whosoever will come. It is not for us to judge who may or may not be a betrayer among us. No one here has been appointed to determine who is worthy or not worthy to participate in this holy supper. The fact is none of us is worthy. We can only eat the supper in a worthily manner. But, we cannot escape the truth that there may be some hand among us that has betrayed Christ this past week that will take the loaf and the cup. It may be yours. Now is the time to examine yourself before eating and drinking. This is the time to repent and confess your sin to your Passover and ask for His forgiveness. Thank God that for the Christian “He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9) If we do not do that may the words to Judas convict us. “woe to that man”