



QA: Is It Wrong to Read "Tell Alls"? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: "Is it wrong to read, or write, "tell-all" books?"

ANSWER: "Betrayal" is simply giving someone over to his/ her enemies for their misuse. This may involve their privacy, person, or prominence. This can be accomplished by "sexting," snapchats, snapshots, facebooking, "tell-all" books, gossip columns/ tv, or numerous other ways. Betrayal can be freely donated, or sold for money. Either way, **the betrayer is no friend to the betrayed!** Jesus predicted Jerusalem's destruction (which occurred in 70 A.D.) would occur when His disciples "will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death" (**Luke 21:16**). And this was way before the Internet and wifi!

The poster-boy for "betrayal" is "Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve." (**John 6:71**)

Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him. (**Matthew 26:14-16**)

On the night of His betrayal, Jesus indicted His betrayer with:

"The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born." (**Matthew 26:24**)

In Gethsemane, Jesus said,

"The hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand." (**Mark 14:41-42**)

This sin of betrayal was given greater condemnation by Jesus than any other sin, for of no other sin did Jesus say it comes from a totally wasted life! Better not to have lived than to have lived as a betrayer!

Adding insult to injury, and showing how cold and callous Judas was,

Behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. But Jesus said to

him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" (**Luke 22:47- 48**)

Jesus was calling attention to the wisdom of Solomon:

Faithful are the wounds of a friend,
But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful. (**Proverbs 27:6**)

Christians must:

Greet one another with a holy kiss. (**1 Corinthians 16:20**)

[and] Let love be without hypocrisy. (**Romans 12:9**)

The irony of betrayal, in Judas' case, was that once he turned Jesus over to His enemies,

Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." (**Matthew 27:3-4**)

Only in Jesus' case, there was no wrong to expose!

"Tell-all" books are mostly written for the same motive as Judas Iscariot: money!

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (**1 Timothy 6:10**)

What a wasted life! The exact opposite of such is what Christians must do:

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. (**Ephesians 4:29**)

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