



Discussion Guide for “Judas” *Empathy for the Devil* Week 6

We struggle to offer grace to people we feel don't deserve it – which is, ironically, exactly who *needs* grace. Uncovering the true biblical origins of Satan helps us come face to face with this graceless impulse. It turns out, refusing to extend grace to others is what makes us truly Satanic. How can we choose to be a grace-filled people?

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Zechariah 3:1-7](#)

[Matthew 4:1-11](#)

[Matthew 9:9-13](#)

[Romans 8:1-2](#)

[1 Peter 5:6-9](#)

[Revelation 12:1-17](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

A sacred reading is a method of reading Scripture that invites God to speak to us through the text. If you have never done a sacred reading, here is [a simple step-by-step guide](#). This week's passage is [Revelation 12:1-17](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Theologians love to define grace as 'unmerited favor'. With that in mind, who do you find it hard to extend grace to?
2. Did Satan's origin in the Bible surprise you? Discuss his transition from 'Accuser' to 'Deceiver'.
3. How does Satan deceive people? What lies do we believe that keep us separated from God?
4. Read Romans 8:1-2. What does it mean to say there's no condemnation for those who belong to Jesus? How does this affect your view of yourself? What about your view of others?
5. Read Matthew 9:9-13. Who in the story do you most identify with? What does it look like for you to receive grace this week? What does it look like for you to show grace this week?