

**Holy Mess Batman**  
**Everyday Heroes – Part 7**  
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*I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate . . . I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.* Romans 7:15, 18b-19 (NLT)

- Judas - *"How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?"* Matthew 26:15
- Jesus - *"Tonight all of you will desert me."* Matthew 26:31
- Peter - *"Even if everyone deserts you, I will never desert you."* Matthew 26:33
- Jesus - *"My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."* Matthew 26:38
- While Jesus is being arrested – *". . . one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest's slave, slashing off his ear."* Matthew 26:51

*For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church. But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me—and not without results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace.* 1 Corinthians 15:9-10 (NLT)

*Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses . . . For when I am weak, then I am strong."* 2 Corinthians 12:8-10 (NLT)

*For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.*  
Hebrews 10:10 (NLT)

**Sanctification:** the process of becoming holy.

1. Positional sanctification
2. Progressive sanctification

*And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.*  
2 Corinthians 3:18b (NLT)

**Option #1: Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_**  
**... "I don't care"**

**Option #2: Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_**  
**... "I perform or pretend"**

*"You won't go wrong in following their teachings . . . But be careful about following them. They talk a good line, but they don't live it. They don't take it into their hearts and live it out in their behavior. It's all spit-and-polish veneer . . . You're like manicured grave plots, grass clipped and the flowers bright, but six feet down it's all rotting bones and worm-eaten flesh. People look at you and think you're saints, but beneath the skin you're total frauds."*  
Matthew 23:2-3,27-28 (Message)

**Option #3: Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_**  
**... "I keep following"**

*And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*  
Philippians 1:6 (NLT)