

The enemy's masquerade  
in the Body of Christ

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Literally, the biggest threat to the body of Christ during the life of Christ did not come from Satan, but from within the established religious people of the day.

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The same religious spirits that sought to kill and destroy the Body of Christ during Jesus' life still seek to kill and destroy the Body of Christ today.

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Instead, He asked the Father to unite our hearts to His and to one another.

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Then He went out to defeat them on His own (united with the Father) for us.

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