

Art Inspiration

Inspiration Source



This icon is part of a much larger one. I couldn't find its origins, but it depicts Judas Iscariot turning away from who I assume is Christ. He is leaving his sanctification behind and carrying the devil himself on his shoulder.

Discussion ✦ Leading Questions

Growing up as an Orthodox Christian has made me used to seeing iconography. It is an art style that is strange to look at, but feels like home for me. However, when I see this, I am stricken. Few icons can strike me in such a way as this one. Never before have I seen a halo floating in the air with the outline of a face within it. It is chilling to say the least, and reminds me that no matter how close to Christ I may be, I can always fall away from him by my own choice.

This icon serves as a strong piece of inspiration for me. First of all, it serves as inspiration to continue my Christian struggle, no matter how poorly I feel I am doing. Secondly it inspires me when I write or draw. It shows me that it is okay to show the truth, no matter how tragic or painful it may be.

Takeaways

I'll leave you all with these questions:

- 1: How does this icon make you feel? Do you love it? Do you hate it? What sort of visceral reaction do you have, if any?
- 2: Have you seen any icons that have stricken you in a similar way?
- 3: What are hard truths that people don't talk about enough?