

JUDAS — A MIRROR OF US ALL
Sermon Outline, John 13:18-30
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- + John 13:10-11, "Jesus said to him (Peter), 'He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.' ¹¹For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, 'Not all of you are clean'" (NASB).
- + John 13:17-20, "If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ¹⁸I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats My bread has lifted up his heel against Me.' ¹⁹From now on I am telling you before it comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am He. ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me" (NASB).

Questions We Must Ask About Judas

1. If Judas would betray Jesus, and Jesus knew it, why did Jesus _____ Judas?

- + Mark 3:14-19, ""And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to preach, ¹⁵and to have authority to cast out the demons. ¹⁶And He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom He gave the name Peter), ¹⁷and James, the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, "Sons of Thunder"); ¹⁸and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot; ¹⁹and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him" (NASB).

2. If Judas was chosen to ultimately serve as the fulfiller of prophetic scripture, did Judas have a _____?

- + John 13:21-22, "When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me.' ²²The disciples began looking at one another, at a loss to know of which one He was speaking" (NASB).
- + Psalms 41:9, "Even My own close friend in whom I trusted, Who ate My bread, Has lifted up his heel against Me, betraying Me" (NASB).

3. When it comes to Judas, what _____ his eye about Jesus?

- + John 6:61-64, "Jesus was aware that His disciples were complaining, so He said to them, 'Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what will you think if you see the Son of Man ascend to heaven again? ⁶³The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But some of you do not believe me.' — For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn't believe, and He knew who would betray Him" (NLT).
- + John 13:24, "Who is He talking about?" (NLT).
- + Matthew 26:22, "Am I the one, Lord who is going to betray You? (PAR)."

What Caused Judas To Betray Jesus?

1. His _____ for _____.

- + John 12:4-6, "But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, ⁵'That perfume was worth a year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor.' ⁶Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples' money, he often stole some for himself" (NLT).

2. His affection for _____.

- Judas means "God _____."
- Iscariot is Greek word for the Hebrew word _____.
- + John 12:12, "Hosanna. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel" (NASB).
- _____ breeds bitterness and bitterness eventually breeds _____ and _____.

3. His hatred of _____.

- There are some Bible scholars who think the Iscariot is related to the Latin term, *sicarius*. This was a designation of a _____ and _____ Zealot group that despised and opposed Rome and Roman occupation violently. Members were patriots who were called “Sicarii,” in honor of the *Sica*, the dagger they would conceal under the robes and used to ambush and kill Roman soldiers. These Sicarii were called God’s Assassins.
- + John 13:21-25, “Now Jesus was deeply troubled, and He exclaimed, ‘I tell you the truth, one of you will betray Me!’” ²²The disciples looked at each other, wondering whom He could mean. ²³The disciple Jesus loved (John) was sitting next to Jesus at the table. ²⁴Simon Peter motioned to Him to ask, ‘Who’s He talking about?’ ²⁵So that disciple (John) leaned over to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, who is it?’” (NLT).
- + John 13:26, “Jesus responded, ‘It is the one to whom I give the bread I dip in the bowl.’ And when He had dipped it, He gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot” (NLT).
- + Luke 22:4-6, “And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and officers how he might betray Him to them. ⁵They were glad and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented, and began seeking a good opportunity to betray Him to them apart from the crowd” (NASB).
- + Matthew 26:14-16, “Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, ‘What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?’ And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him. ¹⁶From then on he began looking for a good opportunity to betray Jesus” (NASB).
- + John 13:27-30, “After the morsel, satan then entered into him. Therefore Jesus said to him, ‘What you do, do quickly.’” ²⁸Now no one of those reclining at the table knew for what purpose He had said this to him. ²⁹For some were supposing, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus was saying to him, ‘Buy the things we have need of for the feast’; or else, that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰So after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and it was night” (NLT).
- + Mark 14:21, “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” (NASB).
- + John 6:70-71, “Then Jesus said, “‘I chose the twelve of you, but one is a devil.’” ⁷¹He was speaking of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, one of the Twelve, who would later betray Him” (NLT).

What Biblical Principles Can We Apply To Our Lives From This?

1. I can _____ God’s truth all the time and not _____ it’s the truth.
 - + 2 Timothy 3:16-17, “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, ¹⁷so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed” (GNT).
 - + John 8:32, “And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (NLT).
2. I can _____ with Christ without _____ Christ.
 - + Acts 4:12, “There is no one else who has the power to save us, for there is only one name to whom God has given authority by which we must experience salvation: the name of Jesus” (TPT).
 - + John 10:9, “I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved” (NASB).
3. I can _____ the truth but never _____ the truth.
 - + James 1:22-25, “But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. ²⁵But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does” (NASB).
 - It’s possible to _____ against God’s plans when they violate our plans.

I Have Two Options

1. I can be like Judas and let my disappointment with God lead to bitterness and be _____ with God.
2. I can express my pain to God, then willingly accept this pain as part of God’s plan and purpose for my life with no _____ from God ever. I have a choice with my disappointment with God: I can let it make me _____ or make me _____.
 - + Philippians 2:6-8, “Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷Instead, He gave up His divine privilege; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, ⁸He humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross” (NLT).