Judas Iscariot

The Man Who Should Not Have Been Born

70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and <u>one of you is a</u> <u>devil</u>?

71 He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve. John 6:70-71 Jesus introduced Judas into the discussion with His apostles about the rarity of true believers.





An apostle A thief with bag **Betrayed** Jesus A devil via Satan **Killed himself Died guilty** Reprobate <u>The Son of man goeth as it is written of</u> <u>him</u>: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

Matthew 26:24

On what basis was this betrayal written?

As it was determined!

And truly the Son of man goeth, <u>as it</u> <u>was determined</u>: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed! Luke 22:22

Was there real woe to come upon this man?

<u>He should not have</u> <u>been born</u>!

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Introduction to Judas

- Jesus chose Judas one of the original 12 (Mat 10:1-7).
- He is last in every list of the 12, with his sin listed.
- Iscariot = man of Kerioth, identity by hometown.
- He was a church thief before a betrayer (John 12:3-8).
- No other apostle suspected him even at the end.



Where did Judas come from?

Jesus Christ chose him.

Know the Bible prophecies about Judas Iscariot.

Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, <u>which did eat of my</u> bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

Psalm 41:9

I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, <u>He that eateth bread</u> with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

John 13:18

Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.

Psalm 69:25

For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let dwell therein: and his man no bishoprick let another take. Acts 1:20

Let his days be few; and let another take his office.

Psalm 109:8

For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: <u>and his</u> <u>bishoprick let another take</u>. Acts 1:20

12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. 13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD. Zechariah 11:12-13

9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; 10 And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me. Matthew 27:9-10

Judas May Have Thought

Easy money Jesus would get away No real harm done He was an apostle Not a suspect **Future friends** Buy a house

The Actual Outcome

Jesus knew it Jesus was condemned He lost the money His friends deserted Satan was no help Hanging a mess Got a field

I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood

— Judas Iscariot —

Sin lies. Satan lies.

The future of all sin is death and destruction.

Sin lies by giving short-term pleasure.

Sin lies by saying you will not get caught.

Sin lies by saying the consequences are okay.

<u>The Father loveth the Son</u>, and hath given all things into his hand.

John 3:35

While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, <u>This is my beloved Son, in whom I am</u> <u>well pleased; hear ye him</u>.

Matthew 17:5

How severely did Almighty God judge Judas for betraying Jesus?

Let his days be few; and let another take his office.

Psalm 109:8

For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: <u>and his</u> <u>bishoprick let another take</u>. Acts 1:20

Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.

Psalm 109:6
When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin.

Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.

Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.

Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labour.

Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children.

Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth. Psalm 109:15

Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart. Psalm 109:16

As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually. Psalm 109:19

It had been good for that man if he had not been born!

Do not neglect or mistreat the Son of God!

Lessons from Judas - (1)

- Jesus used direct language one of you is a devil!
- Jesus chose a devil to be a legal, official apostle.
- *Son of perdition* = man appointed to destruction.
- Popes are like Judas, the son of perdition (II The 2:3).
- Character does not alter official work e.g. baptism.

Lessons from Judas - (2)

- You cannot know tares; test by scripture and fruit.
- Scripture is God's sovereign choice; He will fulfill.
- All tares, in pulpit or pew, will all be sent to hell.
- Tares can look so much like grain you cannot tell.
- That others think you righteous is no comfort.

Lessons from Judas - (3)

- You should prove you're not a reprobate (II Cor 13:5).
- Charismatic devils may have gifts or ape them.
- God has a purpose for every member (I Cor 12:18).
- Satan ruled Judas and tempted Peter. Lord, help!
- Heresies and departures confirm, not surprise.

Lessons from Judas - (4)

- Devils profess faith so well apostles think elect.
- The worst of men can be in churches undiscerned.
- Ministry, ordination, or fruit are not eternal life.
- Jesus will send Judas and other "apostles" to hell.
- God's use of a man's sin does not mitigate guilt.

Lessons from Judas - (5)

- Not all repentance works Esau, Pharaoh, Israel.
- The love of money corrupts many men (I Tim 6:6-10).
- Judas, like Pharaoh, was made for God's glory.
- Wicked friends will forsake you when needed.
- Satan only seeks to destroy you, never help you.

Lessons from Judas - (6)

- Sin never allows you to see its evil consequences.
- Guilt, shame, grief, pain, and loss will eat you up.
- If God lets Satan have you, look out. Lord, help!
- Do not resent God's mild rebukes Judas money.
- Sin blinds to danger, degradation, warnings, etc.

Lessons from Judas - (7)

- Remorse is not close to repentance (II Cor 7:10-11).
- God will use each person ... and you ... but how?
- You cannot serve two masters Christ or devil?
- Your treasures form your heart what are yours?
- It is terrible to fall into God's hands (Heb 10:31).

Lessons from Judas - (8)

- Judas loved money ... Mary loved Jesus (John 12:1-8).
- Judas was remorseful ... Peter repented (Matt 26:75).
- Which of three are you ... John 6 ... Judas ... Peter?
- Limit your guilt for others' self-destruction (Gal 6:5).
- To hear, believe, profess, and serve is not enough.

Lessons from Judas - (9)

- How your life ends is better than how it began!
- You cannot lose salvation, but you can presume it.
- The best saints around you guarantee nothing.
- Hate bitterness that could grow into an evil tree.
- God does not make men sin, but He uses sinners.

Conclusion of Judas

- He ended up with no money or friends anywhere.
- He ended up guilty, grieved, pained, and burst.
- He forfeited one of the greatest privileges ever.
- He fulfilled prophecies both ancient and present.
- Matthias replaced Judas as an apostle (Acts 1:23-26).

Do not neglect or mistreat the Son of God! Tonight you are a John 6 hearer ... or a devil ... or brother of Peter!

Run to Christ ... like Peter did ... and like Judas did not!