

Doctrine of Judas Iscariot

1. Judas was called to be a disciple of Christ.
 - *Matthew 10:4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.*

2. Despite the high honor of being numbered among the original Twelve Disciples, when the gospel writers thought of his name, a word association took place: TRAITOR!
 - *Mark 3:19 And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.*
 - *Luke 6:16 And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.*
 - *John 18:2 And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus off-times resorted thither with his disciples.*

3. If the gospel of Matthew provides a proper chronology of events, then Judas first began to seek to betray Christ after the incident of anointing that took place in the home of Simon the leper of Bethany.
 - *Matthew 26:6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, 7 There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat. 8 But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste? 9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor. 10 When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? For she hath wrought a good work upon me. 11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. 12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial. 13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her. 14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot went unto the chief priests, 15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. 16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.*

4. Judas did not betray Christ in a moment of emotional outburst that characterized the denial of Peter. Judas plotted the betrayal of Jesus.

5. Even though the Lord always knew who should betray Him (John 6:71), He would not let Judas go without one last offer of great grace and favor illustrated in that he gave to Judas the sop at the Last Supper.
 - *John 13:26 Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.*

6. Despite acts of mercy, Judas would not turn from his course of action so that finally the Lord said,

- *Matthew 26:24 The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: 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. 25 then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.*

7. Finally, the terrible moment came. Calling out to Jesus,

- *Matthew 26:49 Hail, master!*

Judas kissed Him.

8. The kiss of Judas was the pre-arranged sign with the Jewish authorities that the One who was kissed should be arrested.

- *Matthew 26:48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.*

9. Judas called Jesus "Master" or "Rabbi" when he could have called Him, Lord. What an awful waste of opportunity and privilege.

10. After Jesus was identified, arrested, taken away and condemned to die, the bible says that then Judas realized that he had committed an atrocious deed. He had betrayed innocent blood.

- *Matthew 27:3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? See thou to that. 5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.*

11. The death of Judas was just, but it did not atone for his sins. There is a type of repentance that cannot be repented of. There is a time when God will not recognize sorrow for sin because the Divine verdict has been passed: "*Depart from me ye cursed unto everlasting judgment*".

- *Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:*
- *Hebrews 12:17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.*

12. For the last few hours of his life that Judas lived following the arrest of Jesus, Judas was haunted by the final exchange between the Lord and himself. The voice of Jesus rang in his ears:

- *Matthew 26:50 Friend, wherefore art thou come?*
- *Luke 22:48 Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?*

13. Judas had to silence the memories, and he did, in a final act of self condemnation and self destruction.

14. In all of this Judas had no one to blame but himself for he had allowed the kingdom of darkness to use him.

- *John 13:2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;*

15. Judas is one of the few people in all of human history that has actually been endwelt by Satan himself. Judas was not demon possessed. He was Satan possessed. The kiss of Judas was ultimately the kiss of Satan upon the cheek of Christ.

- *Luke 22:3 Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.*

16. The tragic life of Judas serves as a reminder of the following.

- Being religious is not the same as being regenerated.
- Being near Christ is a gospel privilege but does not mean there is love for Christ.
- The heart must be examined to see if there is divine grace or if Satan is in the sanctuary.