



MESSAGE NOTES
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Week 2
THE BETRAYAL:
Judas' Treason

Brutus, Benedict Arnold, Arron Burr, Tokyo Rose... These are the names that you'll find on the "Famous Traitor" lists. But when ranked, the #1 traitor is unanimously the man we talk about today: Judas Iscariot.

This may be the most disturbing piece of evidence we uncover in the murder of Jesus Christ. Judas was a trusted man, a person in the inner circle who turned on his friend. Why did he do it? And more importantly, what can we learn from it?

I. THE SIN OF JUDAS:

A. Who was Judas?

1. He was a _____ man.
2. He was a _____. (John 12:6)

B. Theories to account for Judas' betrayal:

1. It was motivated by _____.
2. It was motivated by _____.
3. It was motivated by a series of _____ choices or paths.

II. THE SHAME OF JUDAS:

A. Judas felt _____:

B. Being sorry for your sin is not _____. 2 Cor. 7:8

C. Tragedy for Judas. Acts 1:8

III. THE SPIRITUAL LESSONS TO LEARN FROM JUDAS:

A. Close proximity to the spiritual does not _____ spiritual growth.

B. Repentance does not automatically erase the _____ of sin.
Galatians 6:7

C. Reach out to Jesus and forgiveness will be _____.
Isaiah 1:18, 1 John 1:9

SCRIPTURE TEXT
Matthew 26:14-16, 20-25, 47-50

¹⁴Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests
¹⁵and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. ¹⁶From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

²⁰When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve.

²¹And while they were eating, he said, “I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me.”²²They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely not I, Lord?” ²³Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.” ²⁵Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” Jesus answered, “Yes, it is you.”

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

⁴⁸Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” ⁴⁹Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

⁵⁰Jesus replied, “Friend, do what you came for.”

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