

JUDAS' DISHONEST ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

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JUDAS ISCARIOT was one (1) of the twelve (12) disciples chosen by Jesus. He was one (1) of a small group of insiders who spent a great deal of time with the Savior. Judas knew Jesus was who He claimed to be, but he allowed GREED to cause him to betray the God of the Universe. For the price of one (1) slave, JUDAS sold his soul and became infamous for all eternity.

SUMMARY:

- Satan is the great “schemer” and “user.”
- He used JUDAS for his evil purposes.
- Religious activity is no guarantee of spiritual life or depth.
- When we give in to the GREAT Deceiver, we will lose every time.
- Just as God is always looking for men to be HIS instruments, so is SATAN.

We are all capable of being an instrument of good or evil; of God or the Devil. Whom will you be used by?

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Luke 22:3 “...and Satan entered into JUDAS ISCARIOT...”

Introductory Question: Why was SATAN able to “enter into” JUDAS and cause him to betray Jesus?

Discussion:

- Why is it impossible for SATAN to “enter into” and control a Christian? Who already resides in every Christian?
- Do you believe there are people or forces today that are trying to get rid of Jesus?
- How was Judas able to deceive his fellow disciples into believing he was truly a follower of Christ?
- Do you believe you are capable of betraying your belief system? If not, why not?
- Has anyone ever betrayed you? (How did you handle it?)
- Have you ever betrayed anyone?

APPLICATION:

Be sure you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.

- What can we learn about Judas' regret for his SIN of greed and betrayal of an innocent man?
- What safeguards should we put into place to insure we will not be guilty of the sins of greed, hypocrisy, treachery and betrayal?

ON YOUR OWN...

Psalms 55: 12-14, 20-21

Proverbs 27: 6

John 12: 1-6

Ephesians 6: 11-12