

## What to Know and Learn from the Betrayer of Jesus

### 1. Multiple Other Men Are Named Judas in the New Testament

**The same name can represent different people. Examine names carefully.**

#### a. Another One of the Apostles

Acts 1:13 And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James *the son of* Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James [*Lebbaeus Thaddaeus in Mt 10:3*]. (cf. Lu 6:16)

#### b. Jesus' Half Brother (a.k.a. Jude)

Matt 13:55 "Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? (cf. Mark 6:3)

#### c. A Rebel Leader from Galilee Who Died

Acts 5:37 "After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed.

#### d. A Man of Damascus in Whose House Saul Stayed After His Conversion

Acts 9:11 So the Lord *said* to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for *one* called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying.

#### e. A New Testament Leader and Prophet from Jerusalem

Acts 15:22 Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, *namely*, Judas who was also named Barsabas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren. (cf. Acts 15:27,32)

### 2. Facts About Judas Iscariot

**Externals do not validate spiritual life (or spirituality). Judas was a real person that Jesus selected and that the others trusted. Neither one's position nor one's external conduct guarantees spiritual life or spirituality.**

#### a. His Father's Name Was Simon

Jn 6:71 He spoke of Judas Iscariot, *the son of* Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve. (cf. Jn 12:4)

#### b. Judas Was Selected by Jesus to Be One of the Twelve Apostles

Matt 26:14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests (cf. Matt 10:1-4 for full list of twelve)

#### c. He Managed the Money for the Apostles and Jesus

Jn 13:29 For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy *those things* we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor.

#### d. He Stole Money from the Apostles and Jesus

Jn 12:4-8 Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, who would betray Him, said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

#### e. He Seemed to Finally Reject His Fake Following of Jesus Because He Saw that Money Was Not Going to Come

Matt 26:8-15 But when His disciples saw *it*, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? <sup>9</sup> "For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor." <sup>10</sup> But when Jesus was aware of *it*, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me. <sup>11</sup> "For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. <sup>12</sup> "For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did *it* for My burial. <sup>13</sup> "Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her." <sup>14</sup> Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup> and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.

#### f. None of the Apostles Suspected Judas of Wrong-Doing

Matt 26:21-22 Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." <sup>22</sup> And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?" (cf. Jn 13:29 above in c.)

#### g. He Will Forever Be Known for Betraying Jesus

Matt 10:4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.  
Mk 3:19 and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. And they went into a house.  
Lk 6:16 Judas *the son of* James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.

### 3. This Betrayal Was Not a Surprise to Jesus

**Though God does not cause sin, He knows with complete certainty all that will happen, and glorifies Himself even by the actions of sinners. (Acts 2:23)**

#### a. Judas' Betrayal of Jesus Was Prophesied in the Old Testament

Ps 41:9 Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up *his* heel against me. (possibly Ps 109:1-16 "let another take his office")  
Zech 11:12-13 Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give *me* my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages **thirty pieces of silver**. <sup>13</sup> And the LORD said to me, "**Throw it to the potter**" -- that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty *pieces* of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the **potter**.

#### b. Jesus Knew that He Was Going to Be Betrayed

Matt 17:22-23 Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, <sup>23</sup> "and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful. (cf. 20:18-19; Mk 9:31; 10:33-34; 14:21; Lu 9:44-45; 22:22-24)

#### c. Judas Knew that Jesus Knew About the Coming Betrayal

Matt 17:22-23 etc.

#### d. Jesus Knew that Judas Was the One Who Would Betray Him

Matt 26:24-25 "The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, 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." <sup>25</sup> Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."