

What to Know and Learn from the Betrayer of Jesus – Part 2

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

TRUTH: The same name can represent different people. Examine contexts carefully.

- a. *Another One of the Apostles (Acts 1:13) – Judas, son of James [also called Lebbaeus]*
- b. *Jesus' Half Brother, Jude (Mt 13:55)*
- c. *A Rebel Leader from Galilee Who Died (Acts 5:37) – Judas of Galilee*
- d. *A Man of Damascus in Whose House Converted Saul Stayed (Acts 9:11)*
- e. *A NT Leader and Prophet from Jerusalem (Acts 15:22) – Judas (aka Barsabas)*

2. Facts About Judas Iscariot

TRUTH: Neither positions nor practices validate spiritual life (or spirituality).

- a. *His Father's Name Was Simon (Jn 6:71;12:4)*
- b. *Judas Was Selected by Jesus to Be One of the Twelve Apostles (Mt 26:14)*
- c. *He Managed the Money for the Apostles and Jesus (Jn 13:29)*
- d. *He Stole Money from the Apostles and Jesus (Jn 12:4-8)*
- e. *He Stops Following Jesus, Seeing that Money Was Not Going to Come (Mt 26:8-15)*
- f. *None of the Apostles Suspected Judas of Wrong-Doing (Mt 26:21-22)*
- g. *He Will Forever Be Known for Betraying Jesus (Mt 10:4)*

3. This Was Not a Surprise to Jesus

TRUTH: Though God does not cause sin, He knows with certainty all that will happen.

- a. *Judas' Betrayal Was Prophesied in the Old Testament (Zech 11:12-13; Ps 109)*
- b. *Jesus Knew that He Was Going to Be Betrayed (Mt 17:22-23)*
- c. *Judas Knew that Jesus Knew About the Coming Betrayal (Mt 20:18-19)*
- d. *Jesus Knew that Judas Was the One Who Would Betray Him (Mt 26:24-25)*
- e. *Judas Knew (at some point) That Jesus Knew that He Was the Betrayer (Jn 13:26)*

4. The Timeline of Betrayal

a. Jesus Tells of His Coming Betrayal Multiple Times

Mt 20:18-19 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death,¹⁹ "and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again." (cf. Mt 17:22-23)

b. The Leaders Seek a Means to Arrest Jesus Privately in Order to Kill Him

Mt 26:3-4 Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,⁴ and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.⁵ But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people." (Mk 14:1-2; Lu 22:2)

c. Judas Is Influenced Directly by Satan

Lk 22:3 Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve.

Jn 13:2 And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him,

d. Judas Is Disenchanted with His Prospects of Stealing Money

Jn 12:4-8 Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,⁵ "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"⁶ 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. (cf. Mt 26:8-15)

e. Judas Goes to the Chief Priests to Make a Deal to Betray Jesus

Luke 22:4-6 So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them.⁵ And they were glad, and agreed to give him money.⁶ So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude. (cf. Mk 14:10-11)

f. Jesus Shares His Betrayer's Identity with Judas at the Passover Meal

Mt 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."²⁵ Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it." (Jn 13:26)

g. Judas Heads to the High Priest to Complete His Betrayal

Jn 13:27-30 Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."²⁸ But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him.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.³⁰ Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

h. Judas Arrives with a Great Multitude

Mt 26:47 And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. (Mk 14:43; Lu 22:47; Jn 18:3)

i. Judas Betrays Jesus with a Kiss

Mt 26:48-49 Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him."⁴⁹ Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

j. Jesus Confronts Judas in the Process of His Betrayal

Lk 22:48 But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

k. Jesus Is Betrayed by Judas and Arrested

Jn 18:12 Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. (Mt 26:45-56; Mk 14:41-50; Lu 22:47-54; Jn 18:2-12)

l. Judas Is Remorseful and Returns with the 30 Pieces of Silver

Mt 27:3-4 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,³ Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,⁴ saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!"

m. Judas Throws Down the Silver and Goes Out and Hangs Himself

Mt 27:5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself. (cf. Acts 1:16-18)

Acts 1:18 Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out.

n. The Chief Priests Buy a Potter's Field with the Silver

Matt 27:6-10 ⁶ But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood." ⁷ And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. ⁸ Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced, ¹⁰ "and gave them for the potter's field, as the LORD directed me."

Acts 1:19 And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.

5. The Spiritual Condition of Judas

Jn 6:70-71 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?" ⁷¹ He spoke of Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.

Devil – "diabolos" – dia (through, against) and ballo (to throw) – One who throws against

6. The End of Judas

Acts 1:25 "to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place."

Unbelievers:

a. All Unbelievers Will Be Judged by Their Works (Rev 20:11-15)

Rev 20:11-15 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

b. Judgment Will Vary Based on One's Opportunities, Works, and Responses

Mt 10:14-15 "And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. ¹⁵ "Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city! (cf. Mk 6:10-11)

Lk 10:10-15 "But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.' ¹² "But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city. ¹³ "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ "But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. ¹⁵ "And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades. (cf. Mt 11:20-24)

c. There Are Specific Places for Some Until Judgment Day

Jude 1:6-7 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; ⁷ as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Believers:

a. Rewarded for Works

Matt 16:24-27 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷ "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and **then He will reward each according to his works.**

b. Levels of Reward

2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. (cf. 1 Cor 3:12-15; e.g. 2 Tim 4:8 – crown of righteousness; 1 Pet 1:17)

LESSONS:

1. **Understand the dreadful nature of sin and our _____ sinful natures.** *We are capable of committing any sin.*
2. **Understand the _____ of God.** *God can save any sinner.*
3. **Evaluate your own spiritual _____.** *Do you base your salvation and standing before God on your position, your affiliation, or your actions? You can only be saved on the basis of Jesus' dying in your place, taking God's wrath and paying for your sins.*
4. **Evaluate your own spiritual _____.** *You need to walk with God from the inside out. You can be a spiritual fake on the inside and fool people by your actions on the outside. God is not fooled. God wants you to live obediently from the inside out, with your actions following His truth.*
5. **Understand that not everyone who claims to _____ Christ is truly a believer.** *Be warned. Externals do not prove eternal life.*
6. **Understand that not everyone who _____ to follow Christ is truly obeying Him.** *Be warned. Externals do not prove spiritual faithfulness.*
7. **Understand that not everyone who obeys Jesus is doing so for _____ reasons.** *Actions do not validate one's heart. ("Pharisee")*
8. **God will reward _____ person based on his or her actions.** *Belief determines destiny. Behavior determines level. One's actions now are significant in eternity, both in retribution for the unsaved or in the new earth for the saved.*