

## What to Know and Learn from the Betrayer of Jesus – Part 3

### SALVATION: Of Faith or Phony?

#### 1. Believing

**John 3:16-18** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. <sup>18</sup> He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

#### 2. Bogus

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

**2 Cor 11:13** For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

**2 Pet 2:1** But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

### SANCTIFICATION: Faithful or Failure?

#### 1. Willfully Departed

**1 Tim 1:18-20** This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, <sup>19</sup> having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck ["have shipwrecked" – NOT passive], <sup>20</sup> of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

<sup>19</sup> ἔχων πίστιν καὶ ἀγαθὴν συνείδησιν, ἣν τινες ἀπώσάμενοι περὶ τὴν πίστιν ἐναυάγησαν,

#### 2. Temporally Derailed

**Philemon 1:24** as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow laborers (συνεργοί – sunergoi). (cf. Col 4:14)

**2 Tim 4:10a** for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world ("the now age" – τὸν νῦν αἰῶνα), and has departed for Thessalonica ... (Luke 8:14)

#### 3. Sinfully Deceived

**Heb 3:12-13** Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; <sup>13</sup> but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

**2 Tim 3:1-5** But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

#### 4. Circumstantially (Situational) Defeated (Discouraged)

**Acts 12:25** And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark.

**Acts 13:13** Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem.

**Acts 15:38** But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work.

[Good News on Mark] **2 Tim 4:11** Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry ("unto service" – εἰς διακονίαν).

#### 5. Doctrinally Deceived

**Gal 1:6** I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,

**1 Tim 4:1** Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

**1 Tim 6:20-21** O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge— <sup>21</sup> by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

**2 Tim 2:15-19** who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.

**2 Tim 4:3-4** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; <sup>4</sup> and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

#### 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. Externalists do not prove eternal life.
6. **Understand that not everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ to follow Christ is truly obeying Him.** Be warned. Externalists 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.