

Strong Tower Bible Study

Agenda

Lesson: Fall in Love with Jesus

Time 6:00pm -7:30pm

Topic: Judas Iscariot...How could you?

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Scripture text: John 6:71 “(He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)”

John 12: 4-6 “⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ “Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.^[a]” ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.”

John 13:26-29 “²⁶ Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

So, Jesus told him, “What you are about to do, do quickly.” ²⁸ But no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. ²⁹ Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor.

New Vocabulary:

Perdition: (in Christian theology) A state of eternal ruin, loss, punishment for evil, hell.

Ratify: Sign, agree, give consent to something.

Excommunication: To exclude someone (omit them from partaking in religious sacraments, services or rites)

Things to know:

- Judas' name means: Praise of the Lord
- Known as the one who betrayed Jesus
- His name carries a curse not a blessing when spoken
- Judas' terrible crime was predicted (Psalm 109:5-8; Acts 1:16).
- Judas' cruel bargain was foretold (Zachariah 11:12, 13).
- Judas became the devil incarnate John 6:70
- Judas is known as the "son of perdition"
- Judas was the recipient of divine patience
- Jesus did not excommunicate Judas he ratified himself
- Judas gets replaced (Acts 1:15-26)

Discussion Questions:

1. Judas Why?
2. What do you believe caused Judas to make the choices he made?
3. What characteristics did Judas display?
4. Why do you believe Judas was chosen? Why not someone else?
5. What would you say to Judas if given the chance?

6. Can you identify any characteristics of Judas in your heart? If so, what can you do to get rid of them?
7. How did Jesus treat Judas?
8. How are Christians to treat the Judases of the world?

Faith in Action:

- Remember the Mercy of God and the Forgiveness of Christ.
- Set an alarm on your phone to pray at a set time and protect that time.
- Reach out to a loved one and invite them to Worship with you.
- Ask God's forgiveness for a repeated sin in your life. Seek active change.
- Forgive someone who hurt you.
- Ask for forgiveness if you hurt someone.

Challenge of the week: Pick two of your favorite scriptures write them down and place them in your home.

Scripture Application:

Psalms 41:9-How are we to handle this?

Matthew 6:14-15-Can this be done in our own strength?

Mark 11:25-Why are we called to search our heart first?

Matthew 7:12-What is the importance of this verse? What makes it necessary for followers of Christ?

Closing Prayer: