

# The Last Week Of Jesus' Life - Judas Betrays Jesus

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## Introduction:

One important person in the last week of Jesus' life was Judas. Every time Judas is mentioned in the scriptures he is described as the one who betrayed Jesus. Who among us would want to have been Judas? Why is it nobody names their son Judas?

### I) Judas in the Ministry, *Mark 1.17*

#### A) Judas voluntarily left every thing to follow Christ

1. Jesus had specifically chosen the 12 apostles from all those following Him, *Matthew 10.1-4*
2. He preached to the lost people of Israel, *vv. 6-7*
3. He possessed the ability to perform miracles, *v. 8*
4. Jesus told them they would be provided for, *vv. 9-10*
5. Judas knew the blessings of being a disciple and the condemnation of rejecting Christ, *vv. 12-15*
6. He was the treasurer of the group, *John 12.6*
7. Usually showing honesty and a good reputation
8. Judas did not start out to betray Jesus
9. He possessed a free will, *Genesis 4.7*
  - a. David gave into temptation with Bathsheba

**B) Jesus foretold of Judas' betrayal, *John 6.64* (How did this happen?)**

1. Judas showed a desire for money (greed and a willingness to steal), *John 12.4-6*
2. Satan entered Judas, *Luke 22.3*. What does this mean?
  - a. Satan tempted Judas by appealing to his weakness, *James 1.14-15*
  - b. Judas was tempted and decided to betray Jesus, *Matthew 26.14-16*
  - c. Man may be tempted by many things, illicit sex, drugs, money, gambling, fame, etc
3. Judas made up his mind, *John 13.2*
4. Jesus exposes Judas as the betrayer, *Matthew 26.20-25; John 13.22-27*

**C) Judas' betrayal**

1. Leads the guards to Jesus, *John 18.2*
2. Judas kisses Jesus in order to identify Him, *Luke 22.47-48*
3. Jesus identifies Himself, *John 18.5-9*

**II) Lessons**

- A. People can be close to Jesus and still be lost, *Hebrews 6.4-6***

1. Think of the passages warning us of backsliding, going back into the world.
  2. Some are lost because they never obey the gospel.
- B) We can have the right knowledge but not render obedience to Him, *Hebrew 5.8-9***
1. Can quote Bible passages but lack the application.
- C) We can allow ourselves to be deceived and justify sin, *Hebrews 3.13***
- D) We can quit the faith but it usually does not occur over night.**
1. Drifting away, *Hebrews 2.1*
  2. A gradual process-one little lie, just this one time, I can quit whenever I want, I won't make a habit of this, etc.
- E) Jesus was betrayed by a friend, "Lord is it I"**
- F) Be careful of giving Satan a place to work in your life, *Ephesians 6.11***
1. Don't give him an inch for he will take a mile.
- G) People will sell out Jesus for a lot less than 30 pieces of silver.**
1. A moment of gratification, temporary pleasure, a little self-indulgence, etc.

2. How much is your soul worth to you.

**H) The wages of sin is death**

1. Before I buy something, I want to know its cost. That cost may be more than the sticker price.
2. Then I will know its true cost.

**I) Once you sell your soul to sin, become a slave to sin, there is no telling what you will do**

1. Women sell their bodies for drugs, money, they will even sell their own children
2. Some men will do the same thing
3. Fellow preacher and friend was addicted to pornography and lost every thing.
4. Covetousness which is idolatry, *Colossians 3.5*

**Conclusion:**

When you and I read of Judas let us remember how he started out (as a follower of Christ) and where he ended up (as a betrayer of Christ) and resolve ourselves to avoid selling out Jesus.