

# Judas: The Betrayer

(Matthew 26:47-49)

- Introduction:
1. There are a lot of ideas surrounding why Judas betrayed Jesus.
  2. Some of these ideas almost make Judas out to be noble in his motives.
  3. However, Jesus said it would have been better if Judas had never been born (Mark 14:21).
  4. In this lesson, we will exam several passages concerning Judas and some concluding observations.

## I. Passages Concerning Judas

- A. (Luke 6:12-16).
1. Judas was a popular name, and Jesus' own brother was also named Judas (Mark 6:3).
  2. His legacy is such that nearly no one would name their child "Judas" today – in the last 200 years there have been 481 boys named "Judas."
  3. Even Judas, the brother of Jesus, had his name shortened to "Jude."
- B. (John 6:67-71).
1. Peter said "we" have come to believe and know you are the Christ.
  2. But Jesus said that one of you was a devil.
  3. Apparently, it wasn't obvious to the apostles.
- C. (John 12:4-6).
1. Judas was trusted with the money bag.
  2. But he was a thief.
- D. (Matthew 26:14-16).
1. Judas sought to betray Jesus for money.
  2. We now see his motive for the betrayal.
- E. (John 13:21-30).
1. The disciples, including Judas asked, "Is it I?" (Matthew 26:22-25).
  2. Even still, they did not know it was Judas (John 13:27-28).
- F. (Matthew 26:47-50).
1. They needed a guide to find Jesus.
  2. Remember, this was Passover, and the population of Jerusalem has swelled.
- G. (Matthew 27:3-10).
1. Judas is remorseful for what he had done.
  2. So he hanged himself.

## II. Lessons to Consider

- A. I'm amazed how Jesus guarded his words concerning Judas.
- B. No one can serve two masters (Matthew 6:24).
- C. Some of us sin against more opportunity than others.
- D. Association and discipleship are not the same thing.

- Conclusion:
1. Jesus was near Judas, but Satan was in his heart.
  2. What about you?