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Worship Service
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Journey to the Cross

Lesson Two • Matthew 26:14-16, 47-50; 27:1-5

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Judas serves as a MIRROR in which we should look into our own souls to see whether we are true believers in Jesus Christ.

Judas, the Man Who Betrayed Jesus

1. Judas Sought to Betray Jesus for MONEY!

Motivated by Greed

- Judas was a THIEF, stealing from the money bag he was entrusted with (*Jn. 12:6*).
- Judas was beset by the LOVE of money, opening the door to Satan's influence (*Mt. 26:14-16; Lk. 22:3; Jn. 13:27*).

2. Judas Betrayed Jesus with a KISS!

Kiss of Death

Jesus was betrayed unto death by someone He LOVED (*Mt. 26:47-50; Lk. 22:48*).

3. Judas Was Consumed with REGRET!

Tragedy of Regret or Half-Hearted Repentance

- Judas RETURNED the money, but you can't undo your own sin (*Mt. 27:1-3*).
- Judas CONFESSED his sin to the priests, but only Jesus can forgive your sins (*Mt. 27:4*).
- Judas HANGED himself in despair, instead of taking his sin to Jesus in repentance (*Mt. 27:5*).

Where Is Judas today?

The man who kissed the "door of heaven" is in HELL. Though Judas was a close follower of Jesus, he was never a true believer in Jesus (*Acts 1:25; Jn. 6:70-71; 7:12*).

Solemn Reminder

The life of Judas reminds us that it is possible to be a friend of Jesus and even follow Jesus, and still not be a true BELIEVER in Jesus.

Serious Warning

The tragedy of Judas warns us to GUARD our hearts, lest we open the door to Satan's influence and betray the Lord.