



## COMMUNITY OF FAITH

### ORDINARY

## JUDAS, THE TRAITOR

*12 One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. 13 When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: 14 Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, 15 Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, 16 Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. **Luke 6:12-16***

*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.*

*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 12:4-6***

*63 The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. 64 Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. **John 6:63-64.***

### 1. Why did Jesus call Judas?

*“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. **Acts 1:16** (ESV)*

*Even my close friend, someone I trusted, one who shared my bread, has turned against me. **Psalms 41:9***

*I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill this passage of Scripture: ‘He who shared my bread has turned against me.’ **John 13:18***

*21 But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. 22 The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him! **Luke 22:20-22***

### 2. Why did Judas choose to follow Jesus?

### 3. What made him decide to betray Jesus?

*14 Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests 15 and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. 16 From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over. **Matthew 26:14-16***

## **The Betrayal.**

*10 Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you."11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. **John 13:10-11***

*"I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am who I am. **John 13:19***

*4 Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?"5 "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. **John 18:4-5***

## **The death of Judas.**

*3 When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. 4 "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility." 5 So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself. **Matthew 27:3-5***

## **What can we learn from Judas' life?**

1. Just being in the right environment doesn't necessarily change your heart.
2. People with hardened hearts are never aware when God is speaking to them.

*23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life. **Psalms 139:23-24***

3. His life shows us just how dangerous the love of money is.
4. His life is a clear example of the futility of hypocrisy.
5. God's sovereign will cannot be hindered by anything or anyone.

*But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. **1 John 3:8***