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Text: [Matthew 26](#)

I. THE SCHEME OF THE CONSPIRATOR ([Matthew 26:14-16](#))

• One of the twelve

- Judas had made a profession of faith
- Judas experienced all of Jesus
 1. **He heard the message of Christ** (Sermon on the Mount, The Parables, The Olivet Discourse)
 2. **He saw the miracles of Christ** (Calmed the sea, walked on water, fed 5,000, healed the blind, raised the dead)
 3. **He saw men come to Christ** (Nicodemus, Zacchaeus, woman at the well)
 4. **He performed ministry** (He preached, served as treasurer)

• A Warning to Every Church Member

- "You can be connected with Jesus BUT not be connected to Jesus."
- "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us..." ([1 John 2:19](#))

• The Descent into Betrayal

- It started with a satanic suggestion ([John 13:2](#))
- It led to satanic possession ([John 13:27](#))

• The Price of Greed

- 30 pieces of silver: The price of a slave
- "Judas was—The epitome of Waste. Judas wasted his opportunities, his life, & his soul."

II. THE SIGN OF THE CRIMINAL ([Matthew 26:20-25](#))

• The Exposure of the Traitor

"...and he said, 'I am the traitor...'

- “One of you shall betray me.”
- The Disciples’ Question: “Lord, Is It I?”
- **The Nature of Betrayal**
 - We betray Jesus when we are ashamed to speak up for Him
 - We betray Jesus when we refuse to accept his offer of salvation
 - We betray Jesus when we put more money into material things instead of eternal
 - We betray Jesus when we deliberately disobey Him
- **The Last Appeal**
 - Place of honor: “Judas come sit by me tonight”
 - Jesus washed his feet that night
 - The “sop”: A special act of affection and a token of love
- **The Final Decision**
 - “Judas receives the sop & seals his destiny for eternity.”
 - “Up to this point Judas had been possessed by an—Evil intention. Now he was possessed by The Evil One.”

III. THE SCENE OF THE CRIME ([Matthew 26:46-50](#))

- **The Garden of Gethsemane**
 - The sign: “The one I kiss—Hes Jesus—Take Him.”
 - The Kiss: “Judas kissed the Door to Heaven and then he went to Hell.”
- **Jesus’ Last Words to Judas**
 - “Friend, wherefore art thou come?” ([Matthew 26:50](#))
 - “If you don’t stand for Him—in essence—you will betray Him.”

IV. THE SENTENCING OF THE CONDEMNED ([Matthew 27:1-5](#))

- **Remorse vs. Repentance**
 - “Judas remorse was not repentance of Sin but rather Emotional remorse due to guilt.”
 - “Remorse without repentance leads only to despair.”
- **The End of the Pathway**
 - “He steps from the hell within him to the hell beyond him.”
 - “It had been good for that man that he had never been born.” ([Matthew 26:24](#))

If you’re born twice

You’ll die once.

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If you die twice

You'll wish you'd never been born at all.