BETRAYAL
MARK 14:10-11 / JUNE 7, 2017 / WED

I. FIRST, WHO WAS JUDAS?

A. He was carefully chosen by Jesus as one of his 12.--Luke 6:12-13.

B. He was elected treasurer of the group by the other disciples.

C. He was the only non-Galilean disciple, coming from Keriōth in Judea.

D. He was sent out by Jesus along with the other disciples to preach, heal, and cast out demons according to Matthew 10.

E. During the Passover meal, he sat close enough to Jesus, perhaps even on his immediate right, for Jesus to hand him a piece of bread--John 13:26-27.

F. When Jesus said one of the 12 would betray him no one asked, “Is it Judas?”

II. SECOND, WHY DID JUDAS BETRAY JESUS?


1. Did Jesus’ foreknowledge of Judas’ betrayal absolve Judas of personal guilt or responsibility?

2. What about the prophecy in Zechariah 11:12?


B. Why did Judas betray Jesus?

1. Was it greed?

   a. He was a thief--John 12:4-6.

   b. He was offered money to betray Jesus--Mark 14:11.

2. Was it possibly jealousy that led to his betrayal of Jesus?

3. Was it an effort to force Jesus’ hand to show himself to be the Messiah who would throw off the Roman yoke of oppression?

4. Judas, however, betrayed Jesus of his own free will, just as all of us personally choose to sin--James 1:14.
III. THIRD, WAS JUDAS A CHRISTIAN OR JUST A PRETENDER?

A. Was Jesus talking about Judas in this passage - John 13:10?

B. Isn’t this what Jesus says about Judas in this other passage - John 6:64-71?

C. Could Judas have been forgiven if he asked? Yes, because Peter also betrayed Jesus yet when he repented he was forgiven - Luke 22:32.