

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 Kerioth 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?

- A. Jesus knew Judas would betray him--John 6:70-71.
 - 1. Did Jesus' foreknowledge of Judas' betrayal absolve Judas of personal guilt or responsibility?
 - 2. What about the prophecy in Zechariah 11:12?
 - 3. Luke adds that Satan entered Judas.
- 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.