

FROM APOSTLE TO APOSTATE
MATTHEW 26:14-16 / 9-22-19 / P.M.

I. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT JUDAS?

1. The name Judas means “God is praised”.
 - a. It is the Greek translation of the Hebrew name Judah.
 - b. It’s also synonymous with the name Jude.
2. Iscariot is impossible to translate with any certainty.
 - a. It may refer to the village of Kerioth south of Jerusalem.
 - b. It also may refer to the “Sicarii” a branch of assassins belonging to the Zealots.
3. His father’s name was Simon Iscariot (John 6:71).
4. He is always mentioned last in the list of twelve disciples.
5. He is also always referred to as the one who betrayed Jesus.
6. His calling as a disciple is not mentioned.
7. He was the treasurer of the group (John 13:29).
8. He betrayed Jesus for money—Matthew 26:14-16.
9. He identified Jesus with a kiss and friendly greeting—Matt. 26:47-49.
10. He regretted what he did but this doesn’t mean he repented of his betrayal—Matt. 27:3-4.
11. He hung himself—Matt. 27:5.

II. HOW DID JUDAS EVOLVE INTO A TRAITOR?

1. He stopped caring about other people—John 12:6a.
2. He was a thief—John 12:6
3. He became a bad influence on the other disciples—Matt. 26:8.
4. He was never a true believer—John 6:70-71 and John 13:10-11.
5. He gave in to Satan’s temptation—Luke 22:3-4.

6. He betrayed Jesus of his own free will.
7. He played innocent before Jesus but Jesus knew what he was planning—Matt. 26:25.
8. His betrayal was predicted in the O.T.—Acts 1:15-20 (Psa. 69:25 and 109:8)
9. He was a son of perdition—John 17:12 and Acts 1:25.

III. WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN FROM JUDAS?

1. God's providence is absolute—Acts 1:16.
2. God knows our hearts—John 6:64.
3. Each of us are responsible before God—Acts 1:18.
4. It's possible to blend in with the sheep without ever knowing the Shepherd—Acts 1:17.
5. Religious activity alone does not indicate real faith.
6. Don't give the devil an opportunity to tempt you—Eph. 4:27.