

JUDAS ISCARIOT

One of the Twelve Disciples of Jesus Christ

Born · Kerioth, Judea · Died · Jerusalem · Circa 33 A.D.

Judas Iscariot, known as one of the twelve disciples of Jesus Christ, passed away in Jerusalem under tragic and troubling circumstances. He was chosen early in the ministry of Jesus and served as one of His closest followers. As part of the inner circle of twelve, he walked alongside Jesus during His teachings, witnessed miracles, and participated in spreading the message of the Kingdom of God.

Judas was entrusted with responsibility among the group, serving as the keeper of the money bag, managing the finances for the ministry (*John 12:6*). Despite his proximity to truth and power, Judas struggled with inner conflict and moral compromise. Scripture records that he was often dishonest in his role, taking what was placed in the treasury for personal use. Over time, his heart grew distant, and his motives became increasingly corrupted.

In the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry, Judas made a defining decision that would mark his legacy forever. He conspired with the chief priests and agreed to betray Jesus in exchange for *thirty pieces of silver* (*Matthew 26:14-16*). On the night of Jesus' arrest, Judas identified Him to the authorities with a kiss in the Garden of Gethsemane — a gesture of affection turned into an act of betrayal (*Luke 22:47-48*).

"What you are doing, do quickly."

— JOHN 13:27 · WORDS OF CHRIST TO JUDAS AT THE LAST SUPPER

Following the arrest and condemnation of Jesus, Judas was overcome with remorse. Recognizing the gravity of his actions, he returned the thirty pieces of silver to the religious leaders, declaring, *"I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood"* (*Matthew 27:4*). However, unable to find peace or redemption in that moment, Judas departed and took his own life.

According to the accounts, he died by hanging, and the field purchased with the returned silver became known as the *"Field of Blood"* — Akeldama — a name that endures as a testament to the weight of his final act (*Matthew 27:5-8; Acts 1:18-19*).

Judas Iscariot's life stands as a sobering reminder of the dangers of unchecked sin, misplaced priorities, and proximity to truth without genuine transformation. Though he walked closely with Jesus, his story reflects the tragic consequences of a heart that turns away — present in body, absent in surrender.

"He is remembered not only for his role among the twelve, but for the decision that led to history's most significant betrayal — an act that, while grievous, ultimately played a part in the unfolding of God's redemptive plan."

— THE GOSPEL RECORD

"Godly grief produces repentance that leads to salvation without regret, but worldly grief produces death."

**A SOBERING REMINDER
OF THE DANGER OF A
DIVIDED HEART**

*2 Corinthians 7:10 · Matthew 26-27
Luke 22 · John 12-13 · Acts 1:18-19*

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEPARTED

IN MEMORIAM · JERUSALEM · FIRST CENTURY



*XXX Pieces
of Silver
"What you are
about to do,
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— John 13:27

MATTHEW 26 · LUKE 22 · JOHN 13 · ACTS 1