

The “Christian” Version of Judas

(Lessons learned from Judas)

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John 13:18-30

I’m not speaking about all of you; I know those I have chosen. But the Scripture must be fulfilled: **The one who eats my bread¹⁸ has raised his heel against me.**¹⁹ I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am he. ²⁰ Truly I tell you, whoever receives anyone I send receives me, and the one who receives me receives him who sent me.”

²¹ When Jesus had said this, he was troubled in his spirit and testified, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

²² The disciples started looking at one another—uncertain which one he was speaking about. ²³ One of his disciples, the one Jesus loved, was reclining close beside Jesus.²⁴ Simon Peter motioned to him to find out who it was he was talking about. ²⁵ So he leaned back against Jesus and asked him, “Lord, who is it?”

²⁶ Jesus replied, “He’s the one I give the piece of bread to after I have dipped it.” When he had dipped the bread, he gave it to Judas, Simon Iscariot’s son.²⁷ After Judas ate the piece of bread, Satan entered him. So Jesus told him, “What you’re doing, do quickly.”

²⁸ None of those reclining at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹ Since Judas kept the money-bag, some thought that Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival,” or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ After receiving the piece of bread, he immediately left. And it was night.

A little about Judas.....

- *Judas is chosen as one of the 12*
- *Judas is sent out as one of the 12*
- *Judas accompanies Jesus with the other 11 disciples, beholding our Lord’s character and power, and hearing Him teach and claim to be the Messiah*
- *Judas is put in charge of the money box*

- *Judas is with Jesus and the disciples during the first part of the Last Supper, apparently in the place of honor, next to Jesus*

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I. *Judas identified as a Christian but was not a true follower of Jesus.*

A. *Judas was, overall, not a bad person.*

John 17:12 While I was with them, I was protecting them by your name that you have given me. I guarded them and not one of them is lost, except the son of destruction,^[a] so that the Scripture may be fulfilled.

B. *Judas had his reasons for looking “Christian.”*

Money

Power

C. *Judas was never so “un- Christian” that others doubted him.*

II. *Judas would end up miserable!*

Guilt

Death

Matt 27:5 So he threw the silver into the temple and departed. Then he went and hanged himself.

Hell

III. *We must make sure we are not like Judas*

II Cor 6:2 For he says:

**At an acceptable time I listened to you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you.^[a]**

See, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation!

Close:

The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ came to do three things. He came to have my past forgiven, you get a purpose for living and a home in Heaven.

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