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THE TWELVE: WALK A MILE IN THEIR SHOES

Judas Iscariot: An extraordinarily great example of a tragic life

Text: John 12: 1-8

“Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.””

John 12:1-8

What we know about Judas Iscariot: “Iscariot” reveals that he was from Kerioth, a town outside the Galilean region where the other disciples lived; his dad’s name was Simon; he joined Jesus and the disciples very early in the ministry of Jesus; he was in charge of the “moneybag”, in essence, their treasurer; Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus

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I. The tragic life of Judas serves as a cautionary tale for us

A) Judas: a person who lived in quiet unbelief despite these facts:

--He had the best example of joy and fulfillment a person could ever hope for in Jesus.

--He heard the clearest and most profound teaching in human history about God, life, purpose and eternity.

--He saw the most compelling evidence for faith in Jesus one could ever see...**and still he rejected Jesus.**

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?” **Jeremiah 17:9**

B) Judas is an example of a gradual slide into apostasy.

“Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.” **Matthew 26:14-16**

“Then, after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.” **John 13:27.**

“this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me...” **Isaiah 29:13a**

II. The tragic life of Judas provides a clear contrast to what’s best

“Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume....Jesus said, “Leave her alone...” **John 12:3, 7**

Nard or spikenard – an expensive ointment. A pound of this ointment would have cost 300 denarii, the equivalent of nearly a year’s salary

“Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief,..” **John 12:5-6a**

“Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him, but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering.” **1 Corinthians 11:14-15**

“Above all else guard your heart, for from it flows the springs of life.” **Proverbs 4:23**

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The best way to guard your heart is to give Him glory in worship.