



Gospel Of John Series – 84

Portrait Of A Traitor: Judas - So Close Yet So Far Away

John 13:18-30

WHO WAS JUDAS?

I. HIS CALLING – PRIVILEGED BUT NOT PURE

 *Matthew 10:1–4; John 6:70–71*

- Chosen by Christ, but never changed by Christ.
- Near the Light, but lived in darkness.
- Privilege without purity leads to peril.

Principle: Proximity to Jesus is not possession of Jesus.

II. HIS CONDUCT – DECEPTIVE AND DISHONEST

 *John 12:4–6*

- Pretended compassion, but practiced corruption.
- Loved money more than the Master.
- Hypocrisy masked a greedy heart.

Principle: Hidden sin will eventually be revealed.

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

III. HIS COVENANT – BETRAYAL FOR A PRICE

Matthew 26:14–16

- Initiated the betrayal for thirty pieces of silver.
- Traded eternal treasure for temporary gain.
- Sold the Savior for the price of a slave.

Principle: When your heart is for sale, Satan will always make an offer.

IV. HIS COLLUSION – SATAN ENTERED INTO HIM

John 13:21–27

- Persisted in sin until Satan possessed him.
- Sat at the table of Jesus but served the will of Satan.
- “He went out... and it was night.” (John 13:30)

Principle: Ongoing sin opens the door to the enemy.

V. HIS CONDEMNATION – REMORSE WITHOUT REPENTANCE

Matthew 27:3–5

- Confessed to men, not to God.
- Felt guilt, but not grace.
- Chose suicide over salvation.

Principle: Remorse regrets sin’s consequences; repentance turns to Christ for cleansing.

VI. HIS CONSEQUENCE – LOST FOREVER

Acts 1:25; John 17:12

- “He fell by transgression, that he might go to his own place.”
- Rejected every warning and perished without hope.

Principle: The man who sold Jesus lost his soul.

Conclusion – The Lessons from Judas’ Life

1. Beware of hypocrisy. Judas looked the part, but his heart was far from God.
2. Guard against greed. A love of money will corrupt your soul.
3. Pursue true repentance. Don’t just regret sin—repent and receive forgiveness.
4. Love Christ above all. Loyalty to Jesus is the test of genuine discipleship.