

“SPY/SILENT WEDNESDAY - JUDAS”

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Matthew 26-27; John 13 (NASB95)

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1. THE BETRAYAL.

Matthew 26:14–16 (NASB95) ¹⁴Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, “What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?” And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him. ¹⁶From then on he began looking for a good opportunity to betray Jesus.

A. JUDAS FOLLOWS CHRIST OUT OF SELFISH AMBITION.

B. JUDAS BETRAYAL WAS FOREORDAINED AND HIS OWN CHOICE.

C. JUDAS DID WHAT HE DID BECAUSE HIS HEART WAS EVIL.

2. THE DEVIL.

John 13:2 (NASB95) ²During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him,

John 13:10–11 (NASB95) ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.” ¹¹For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, “Not all of you are clean.”

John 13:18 (NASB95) ¹⁸“I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, ‘HE WHO EATS MY BREAD HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.’

John 13:26–27 (NASB95) ²⁶Jesus then answered, “That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to him.” So when He had dipped the morsel, He took and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷After the morsel, Satan then entered into him. Therefore Jesus said to him, “What you do, do quickly.”

3. THE KISS.

Matthew 26:47–50 (NASB95) ⁴⁷While He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came up accompanied by a large crowd with swords and clubs, who came from the chief priests and elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him.” ⁴⁹Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, “Hail, Rabbi!” and kissed Him. ⁵⁰And Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you have come for.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.

4. THE REMORSE.

Matthew 27:3–5 (NASB95) ³Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, ⁴saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? See to that yourself!” ⁵And he threw the pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself.

A. JUDAS REMORSE WAS NOT REPENTANCE

B. FROM *TWELVE ORDINARY MEN* BY JOHN MACARTHUR:

1. JUDAS WAS A TRAGIC EXAMPLE OF LOST OPPORTUNITY.
2. JUDAS IS THE EPITOME OF WASTED PRIVILEGE.
3. JUDAS IS A CLASSIC ILLUSTRATION OF THE HOW THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL KINDS OF EVIL.
4. JUDAS LIFE IS A REMINDER TO EACH OF US ABOUT OUR NEED FOR SELF-EXAMINATION.
5. JUDAS IS PROOF OF THE PATIENT FORBEARING GOODNESS AND LOVING KINDNESS OF JESUS CHRIST.
6. JUDAS DEMONSTRATES HOW THE SOVEREIGN WILL OF GOD CANNOT BE THWARTED BY EVIL MEANS.
7. JUDAS IS A VIVID DEMONSTRATION OF THE DECEITFULNESS AND FRUITLESSNESS OF HYPOCRISY.