

The background features a collage of historical maps in shades of brown and tan, overlaid with a network of white lines and glowing blue dots. The maps show various geographical details and place names. The network lines connect the dots in a web-like pattern across the entire image.

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EXPERIENCE BEGINNINGS

*Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.*

**he was numbered**

**Acts 1:12-26**

*In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."*

**he was numbered**

**Acts 1:12-26**

*(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) “For it is written in the Book of Psalms,*

*“May his camp become desolate,  
and let there be no one to dwell in it;  
and*

*“Let another take his office.’*

**he was numbered**

**Acts 1:12-26**

*So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.*

**he was numbered**

**Acts 1:12-26**

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**I. JUDAS WAS  
NUMBERED AMONG  
THE TWELVE.**

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The test of  
Christianity is  
not loving Jesus,  
it's loving Judas.

**Jesus Knew...  
But Judas Ate Too.**

# I. JUDAS WAS NUMBERED AMONG THE TWELVE.

*Character trait #1: He did not care about the poor. He was a hard-hearted man, too concerned with feathering his own nest while others, less fortunate, suffered around him.*

*Character trait #2: He was a thief, pilfering funds from the Lord's money box, which exposes that Judas was full of avarice, or greed.*



# I. JUDAS WAS NUMBERED AMONG THE TWELVE.

*“Do you also Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?” He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve (John 6:67-71).*

# I. JUDAS WAS NUMBERED AMONG THE TWELVE.

*Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude (Luke 22:3-6).*

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# II. JESUS WAS NUMBERED WITH THE TRANSGRESSORS.

*Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

**he was numbered**

**Isaiah 53 - KJV**

*But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.*

**he was numbered**

**Isaiah 53 - KJV**

*And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*

**he was numbered**

**Isaiah 53 - KJV**

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**III. MATTHIAS WAS  
NUMBERED WITH  
THE TWELVE.**

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### **III. MATTHIAS WAS NUMBERED WITH THE TWELVE.**

***The Lord is in such awesome control over all things that His will is not frustrated nor is it thwarted by seemingly random events.***



*Question:*

***ARE YOU NUMBERED AMONG  
THE PEOPLE OF GOD OR ARE  
YOU NUMBERED WITH THE  
PEOPLE OF GOD?***

# LESSONS:

***(A) IF YOU ARE LANGUISHING...***

***TAKE HEED!***

***(B) IF YOU ARE IN LEADERSHIP...***

***TAKE HEART!***