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### **JUDAS -Part 1**

#### **Mark 14:10-11**

**Our text today deals with a man named Judas Iscariot.**

**He is, without a doubt, d most notorious & most vilified of all d disciples.**

**His name appears last in every list of d disciples, except in Acts 1, where his name does not appear at all.**

2. Every time he is mentioned in the Bible, the Word of God reminds us that he betrayed Jesus .

Judas was a failure as a disciple, and this why...

- He was exposed to the same teaching d others heard.
- He saw d same miracles & was involved in the same ministries.

3. Yet, Judas never came to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Judas spent 3 years with d Jesus & he died lost.

- The others were converted during their time with d Lord; Judas only became spiritually hard, calloused & hateful.

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1. The other eleven disciples were used of God in amazing ways.
2. Their lives demonstrate the truth that common, ordinary people can be used of the Lord in extraordinary ways.
3. Judas, on the other hand, stands as a stark warning about the dangers of wasted opportunities,

5. hardness of heart, wicked lusts, and spiritual carelessness.

While Judas could be considered a failure as a disciple, he was the most successful hypocrite of all time.

1. He played his part so well that no one but Jesus Himself knew that Judas was a fraud and a pretender.

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2. He was as common and as ordinary as the rest of the disciples.

3. He was so ordinary that he never stood out from the rest.

4. He hid behind the camouflage of hypocrisy and no one but Jesus ever realized it.

7. Judas and his life teach us two basic truths.

1. It is possible to be near Jesus and to associate with Him closely and still be hardened in sin.

2. Judas is a clear reminder that the purposes of God stand sure. No matter what anyone may do, they will never thwart the plan of

8. Almighty God. God always accomplishes what He determines to do, Isa. 46:10-11; Eph. 1:11.  
we shall be looking at

A. Judas And His Personality;

B. Judas And His Privileges;

C. Judas And His Problem;

D. Judas And His Plan; and

E. Judas and His Punishment.

9. It is my prayer that the Lord will use the lessons from this man's life to cause us to look deep within our own souls; lest we also be found to be pretenders.

Now, Let's consider The Great Pretender together.

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## 10. JUDAS AND HIS PERSONALITY

We really do not know a lot about Judas Iscariot from the biblical record.

He is mentioned 20 times in the Gospels and twice in the book of Acts.

He speaks on just two occasions

11. He is an enigma and he is a mystery. Yet, from what the Bible does say about him, we can learn a few important truths about this man and his life.)

A1. His Designation – His name is “Judas”.

12. It is the Greek rendering of the Old Testament name “Judah”. Judah was the son of Jacob and the father of the largest and most dominant of all the tribes of Israel.

The name has two possible meanings, “Jehovah Leads” or “He Whom Jehovah Praises”.

13. This name suggests that his parents had hope for his future.

They were probably a deeply religious family, who hoped that he would be led by God and that his life would bring praise to the name of the Lord.

14. Little did they know that their son would only be led by, and bring praise to the devil...

Lesson-

Judas stands as living proof that having a godly heritage is not enough to save the soul.

Having Christian parents cannot guarantee the salvation of the soul.

15. There must be a conscious turning from sin to embrace the Gospel message by faith. There must be a life-changing, soul-saving encounter with Jesus Christ.

16. Now, Consider His Dwelling –

His surname was “Iscariot”.

This name tells us something about where Judas came from.

The word “Iscariot” is derived from the Hebrew. “Ish” means “man”. “cariot” refers to the town of “Karioth”. Thus, Judas is called “man of Karioth”.

17. Karioth was a humble farming town located 23 miles south of Jerusalem.

We are told that his father’s name was “Simon” John 6:71; Simon was a very common name in that time

Nothing more is known of his family. He was a common man from a common family in a common town in Judea

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C1. Consider His Detachment – Since he was from Judea, Judas was the only one of the twelve not from Galilee.

The rest of the disciples were from the northern part of the nation. Many of them knew one another. Some were brothers. Others were co-workers and friends before

19. they came to know Jesus.

Being the only real stranger in the group meant that Judas would have been somewhat isolated from the other disciples.

They would not have known about his family or his background.

It is also true the people from the southern regions of Israel

20. often felt superior to people from the north.

These facts enabled Judas to keep a low profile and helped him camouflage his hypocrisy.

While there is no evidence that the other men excluded Judas, he may have felt like an outsider.

21. Thoughts of that nature may have helped him justify his treason against Jesus and his thievery from the rest of the disciples.

We do know that Judas worked his way into a place of trust.

The other disciples chose him to be the treasurer for the group, but Judas used that

22. position to steal from the bag,

John 12:6. That verse tells us that Judas "...bare what was put therein". The word "bare" means "to take away; to pilfer". Judas was a thief. This is made crystal clear in the Word of God.

23. Lesson 2-

This is a clear reminder that you never know the true condition of the hearts of those around you.

The other disciples never did figure out that Judas was a traitor until after he had betrayed the Lord Jesus.

24. They always assumed that he was one of them. Perhaps even Judas believed that all was well. Either way, it reminds us that d heart is very deceptive, Jer. 17:9. It also challenges us to be sure that we are in a saving relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ,