

Course Title: EVERY JUDAS

Goal of This Lesson: This lesson is designed to provide a biblical path as you navigate through life as a Christian Minister.

Note: Jesus is an equal opportunity savior. He gives everyone a chance to change, grow, and learn from Him. It's up to us to accept it.

Introduction

Just 10 miles from Hebron and 18 miles from Jerusalem, was a little known village called Kerioth. It was known as a haven for bandits, thieves and highwaymen. People were known to be assassins and murderers.

It was into this environment, that a man named Simon raised a son called Judas. All of the disciples, except Judas, were from Galilee. In scripture he is called Judas Iscariot, signifying that he was from the town of Kerioth.

Simon must have been somewhat responsible for his son's upbringing and behavior. His name is always mentioned together with his son's name. He was called Judas Simon's son.

We know nothing of his mother. What was she like? What kind of teaching did she give him as a child.

By the time that scripture introduces us to him, we quickly see that Judas was outspoken and didn't hesitate to disagree with what he saw. "Why wasn't this sold and given to the poor." That's what he said criticizing Mary's extreme sacrifice. But the Bible is quick to point out that he cared not for the poor but was a thief and that he held the bag. There was a reason that was said. Why would Jesus allow him to carry the bag?

As a Judean he was a misfit among the disciples. The other disciples were apparently Galileans. He was no doubt a loner. He couldn't let them see him sneak money from the bag, he was a thief. I am sure that Judas had a less than stellar past before he met Jesus. Some commentaries even call him a murderer.

The sad news is that no amount of the preaching and confronting that Jesus did seemed to change Judas to a John the Beloved.

The same is true today. If all the words and actions of Jesus could not change Judas in the bible days; neither will our preaching and confrontation convert a modern day Judas. The Judas Iscariot of the Bible may be dead, but his spirit is still alive today.

Keys to Recognize a Judas in Your Midst

Every Judas shows enough potential to be placed in a leadership role. Judas was hand-picked. He was allowed to be a privileged follower of Jesus. He was chosen to be in charge of the ministries money. Confidence was placed in him.

READING ASSIGNMENT: Please Read the Following Passage(s)

(John 12:5-6 NKJV) "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

- Every Judas thinks and acts like he owns his appointed position.
- Every Judas lives on a carnal level and is oblivious to the spiritual.
- Every Judas has a personal agenda that is separate from the leaders.

READING ASSIGNMENT: Please Read the Following Passage(s)

(John 6:70-71 NKJV) 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."

- Every Judas gets disenchanted with his/her leader. They are willing to sabotage the whole thing if there is enough in it for them.
- Every Judas receives a warning from the Lord but continues anyway.

READING ASSIGNMENT: Please Read the Following Passage(s)

(Luke 9:1 NKJV) Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.

- Every Judas sees the same miracles and hears the same sermon as the other disciples, but is unaffected, unconvinced, and unconverted.

READING ASSIGNMENT: Please Read the Following Passage(s)

(Matthew 26:15-16 NKJV) and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

- Every Judas plans his move carefully.
- Every Judas is driven by greed.
- Every Judas is an opportunist.

READING ASSIGNMENT: Please Read the Following Passage(s)

(Luke 22:3 NKJV) Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve.

- Every Judas possesses an evil spirit.

READING ASSIGNMENT: Please Read the Following Passage(s)

(John 13:27-28 NKJV) Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him.

- Every Judas can fool his own friends and brothers.

(Matthew 26:24-25 KJV) The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born. Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.

- Every Judas gets a divine warning and still ignores it.
- Every Judas gets revealed by the Lord and has a chance to repent.
- Every Judas lives in denial to the truth and deceiving himself and others.

(Matthew 26:49 NKJV) Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

- Every Judas tries to appease his guilty conscience
- Every Judas displays false affection toward the leader.
- Every Judas is a hypocrite.

(John 13:27 NKJV) Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

- Every Judas is guided and controlled by Satan.

(Matthew 27:3-4 NKJV) Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What [is that] to us? You see [to it]!"

- Every Judas repents too late

In Spite of Judas (then):

- The will of God was accomplished
- Jesus rose from the dead
- The Holy Ghost was poured out.
- The Church was established
- Revival came
- The gates of Hell did not prevail

In Spite of Every Judas (today):

- God still had a triumphant church
- The church will prosper and go forward
- The glory will fall when the bad spirit is gone
- The church will rally and unify like never before
- Worship will be better than ever
- The Pastor will be loved more than ever

Judas was replaced by a man named Matthias. His name means "Gift of God." Have you had to deal with a Judas? Take hope, your Matthias, your Gift from God is coming.

Congratulations on completing this lesson. While some lessons may seem harder than others, you must always study to show yourself approved unto God, and reveal to others, what God has given you.

**Assignment
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Student Name: _____
Print Full First Name Middle Initial Print Full Last Name

Church Name: _____ **Pastor:** _____

Date: _____

Take your time to review each question before you provide your answers.

1. According to the lesson, if all the words and actions of Jesus could not change Judas, then neither will our preaching and confrontation do what?

2. According to the lesson, every Judas gets disenchanted with his/her leader. What are they willing to do?

3. According to the lesson, every Judas can fool whom?

4. According to the lesson, in spite of Judas (then), what happened to the will of God?

5. According to the lesson, in spite of every Judas today, what will the church do like never before?

6. According to the lesson, every Judas thinks and acts like what?

7. According to the lesson, every Judas shows enough potential to be placed in a ____ role.

Please select the best answer below:

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| A. speakership | C. companionship |
| B. leadership | D. relationship |

8. According to the lesson, every Judas sees the same miracles, and hears the same sermon as every other disciple, but remains ____, unconvinced, and unconverted.

Please select the best answer below:

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| A. unaffected | C. undeveloped |
| B. unconcerned | D. understanding |

9. Fill in the missing letters or word(s). According to the lesson, every Judas tries to appease his ____ty conscience, and displays ____ affection toward his leader.

Fill in the missing letters or word(s).

10. According to the lesson, in spite of every Judas today, the church will struggle and might succeed.

Please select the best answer: ☐ True ☐ False

11. According to the lesson, which verse did Jesus declare that He chose the disciples, and one of them is a devil?

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| A. Luke 9:1 | C. Matthew 27:3-4 |
| B. John 12:5-6 | D. John 6:70-71 |

12. Fill in the missing letters or word(s). According to the lesson, every Judas gets a ____ warning and still ignores it, has a chance to ____t, lives in ____al to the truth, deceiving himself and others.

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ANSWER SHEET

1. Convert a modern day Judas
2. They are willing to sabotage the whole thing
3. His friends and brothers
4. The will of God was accomplished
5. Rally and unify
6. He owns his appointed position
7. B) leadership
8. A) unaffected
9. Guilty, false
10. False
11. D) John 6:70-71
12. Divine, repent, denial