

Life's Lessons: Judas Iscariot

The need for true repentance.

John 6:70-71 Then Jesus said, "I chose the twelve of you, but one is a devil." He was speaking of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, one of the Twelve, who would later betray him.

Judas having been so close to Jesus, but never really knowing him!

Do you really know Him (Jesus) ?

Spiritual wealth
is more valuable than
material wealth.

John 12:4-6 But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, "That perfume was worth a year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor." Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples' money, he often stole some for himself.

Matthew 26:15-16 and asked, "How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?" And they gave him thirty pieces of silver. From that time on, Judas began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

Luke 22: 3-6 Then Satan entered into Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve disciples, and he went to the leading priests and captains of the Temple guard to discuss the best way to betray Jesus to them. They were delighted, and they promised to give him money. So he agreed and began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus so they could arrest him when the crowds weren't around.

Do you ask what is in it for me?

God always offers us what is best for us, not always what we want.

God blesses those who...

...are poor in spirit - for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

...mourn - for they will be comforted.

...are humble - for they will inherit the whole earth.

...hunger and thirst for justice - for they will be satisfied.

...are merciful - for they will be shown mercy.

...have pure hearts - for they will see God.

...work for peace - they are children of God.

...persecuted- for doing right.

"God blesses you when people mock you & persecute you & lie about you & say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way. **Matthew 5:3-12**

Remorseful, not repentant.

Matthew 26:49 So Judas came straight to Jesus. "Greetings, Rabbi!" he exclaimed and gave him the kiss.

Matthew 27:3-5 When Judas, who had betrayed him, realized that Jesus had been condemned to die, he was filled with remorse. So he took the thirty pieces of silver back to the leading priests and the elders. "I have sinned," he declared, "for I have betrayed an innocent man." "What do we care?" they retorted. "That's your problem." Then Judas threw the silver coins down in the Temple and went out and hanged himself.

Acts 1:16-19 "Brothers," he said, "the Scriptures had to be fulfilled concerning Judas, who guided those who arrested Jesus. This was predicted long ago by the Holy Spirit, speaking through King David. Judas was one of us and shared in the ministry with us."

John 17:12 During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me. I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one headed for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold.

Judas destroyed himself instead of turning to the mercy & forgiveness of God!