

Jared had watched in disbelief when Judas had led the mob to Jesus to arrest Him. Judas had always seemed such an important disciple. He was educated. Sophisticated. Thought well of himself. In fact, if Jared had been asked to choose the best kind of disciple for Jesus, he probably would have chosen Judas well ahead of the rest of the motley crew. He was the official Treasurer of the group.

A year ago, he had been excited when the huge crowd of people were told to sit down and wait for Jesus to bless the simple lunch that he had brought from home. It had been two small barley loaves and five small fish. His mum had smiled at him as she gave it to him and had remarked, "I hope it is enough for you." Enough! - It was when Jesus said a blessing over it. Enough for him and for the 15,000 to 20,000 people who had been following Jesus. There had been food left over as well. But Jared had noticed Judas talking to some of the key leaders that day, encouraging them to take action to force Jesus' hand to be King over the Jews now. The crowd had tried. But Jesus had smiled, sent the disciples across the Sea of Galilee, told the crowd to go home, and Jared had watched as Jesus went up into the bush to pray alone.

It seemed, Jared had observed, that from that point on, Judas was withdrawing himself from openly being influenced by Jesus. Judas was in control of all he did, in contrast to the other disciples who appeared to be changing as they let Jesus take control of their lives. John was no longer as volatile. Peter was less likely to seek a fight. But Judas - well - he still seemed to be aloof and almost condescending towards the others.

Even when the disciples were paired up in groups of two and sent off on their specific work, although Judas seemed excited about the healing and casting out of demons that he did on behalf of Jesus, but Jared wondered about the negative influence that Judas might have had on his associate. Or perhaps the other man had tried to help Judas as they worked together?

There had been that time at the feast of Simon when Mary Magdalene had poured that whole bottle of expensive perfume over Jesus' feet. She was honouring Jesus. Simon had not been impressed. And when Judas had seen a year's wages "wasted," in his opinion. The word was that Judas thought it should have been used to help the poor.

Jared had been dozing as the trial of Jesus went on through the night. Suddenly he heard a loud voice and looked up startled. The tall figure of Judas pushed his way to the front clearly distressed. "I have sold innocent blood!" he cried and threw down 30 silver coins. The High Priest scornfully glanced down at Judas and coldly told him, "We don't care about that!"

Judas threw himself at Jesus feet and begged Him to save Himself.

"What is done is done. Be off with you." Ordered the High Priest.

It would seem that Judas had thought he could force Jesus' hand and make Him step up and declare Himself the new King of Israel. Then Judas would have been rewarded handsomely for making the pieces of the jigsaw puzzle fit into place at last. But it had backfired. Jesus was going to be condemned to die.

The last that Jared saw of Judas was a haunted man running out of the hall into the darkness. The next time Jared saw Judas was later that day as he followed the crowd and Jesus heading out to the crucifixion. The jeering mob grew quiet at one point as they passed a dead tree. A broken rope hung there. A dead body mangled from the fall lay there as the dogs nosed around it. It was Judas. What a tragic end.

Jared thought about his own life. He realised that if he wanted Jesus to make a difference in his life - he needed to give Jesus total control. That seemed to be the difference between Peter - who denied Jesus at the trial, and Judas - who betrayed Jesus to get Him to the trial. Peter went out weeping and determined to let Jesus have full control of his life. Judas determined to retain control and it had cost him his life.

Who would control his life?

Judas' Mistake

Sabbath

Tick all of these things that you would like.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Money | <input type="checkbox"/> Nice house |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Good at school work | <input type="checkbox"/> To be popular |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good at sport | <input type="checkbox"/> To be happy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To go to heaven | <input type="checkbox"/> To live a long time |
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Now think about which are the most important things to you. Put a 1 next to the most important things, then a 2... and a 12 next to the least important thing.

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Year 3, Quarter 2, Week 10, Level: "Reading"

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Refer: Matt 26:1-16, 20, 25; 27:3-10; Mark 14:1-2, 10-11; Luke 22:1-6, 28-30; John 12:4-7; 13:2, 11, 21-30 NLT;
The Desire of Ages 716-722; The Bible Story v9 28-32, 63, 64, 78-81, 88, 89

Sunday

Judas was a businessman; he was very good at making money.

He thought money was very important even after he became one of Jesus disciples.



He was in charge of the disciple's money, and he would sometimes steal some for himself; he told himself it was ok since he looked after the money.

Judas was waiting for Jesus to become the King, and then Judas would become a very important and rich man.



When Mary bought the expensive perfume and poured it on Jesus' feet, Judas complained about it; he said the money should have been given to the poor, but he knew how much the perfume was worth and wanted the money for himself.

Now Satan gave Judas an idea! And so Judas went to the priests and asked how much money they would give him if he led them to Jesus one night. The priests had been planning to arrest Jesus but had not figured out a way to do it without causing the people to protest and riot.

Friday

What can we learn from the way that Jesus treated Judas?

Did Jesus send him away? _____

Did Jesus argue with Judas? _____

Did Jesus try to embarrass him? _____

Jesus did none of these things. Arguing, condemning and embarrassing are all methods that Satan likes to use to discourage people. At the same time, Jesus didn't allow Judas to condemn or embarrass Mary when she poured the oil on Jesus' feet, instead Jesus told Judas to leave Mary alone.

Philippians 2:5 NLT, "You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had."

Ephesians 4:2 NLT, "Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace."

Proverbs 16:7 NLT, "When people's lives please the LORD, even their enemies are at peace with them."

This is something we can't do by ourselves. Only God can do this for us.

Romans 8:6b NLT says, "Letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace."

We can use the A.B.C prayer with all of these verses along with 1 John 5:14-15. Summarize these verses in your own words.

Thursday

Judas was one of the twelve special disciples, and at one time he was even given the power to do miracles.

There are many people even today, who think of themselves as Christians, who hang out with Christians, who seem to be Christians, but, like the foolish bridesmaids who did not have enough oil, who did not really know the bridegroom, these people don't really know Jesus.

The other disciples had their faults. James and John were called the 'Sons of Thunder' (Mark 3:17), perhaps because of their tempers. In Matthew 16:23, Jesus rebuked Peter by saying, "Get away (or behind) me, !" And Peter betrayed Jesus. But as we continue following their stories, we will see that they were changing to become more and more like Jesus.

How can we Judas' mistake?

2 peter 1:4, "And because of His glory and excellence, He has given us

_____ and _____. These

are the promises that enable you to share, [or participate in,] His

_____ and escape the world's corruption

caused by human desires."

Where do we find God's promises? _____

Your 'nature' is the way you naturally tend to be. We say that certain people are by nature, calm. Others are naturally excitable, and others have a tendency to be short tempered. What is the nature of God? Loving, merciful, patient etc. God has given us His promises so that we can receive a divine nature – we can become like Him.

Do you remember how to pray an A.B.C prayer? If God promises something, then we Ask, Believe, and Claim it, and give thanks because we have it. A great place to start is with Davids prayer.

Psalms 51:10 NLT, " _____ in me a clean/pure _____, O

God. Renew a loyal spirit within me." Find all the missing and underlined words in the grid.

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Monday

The priests were delighted at Judas offer and gave him 30 silver coins in payment.

Jesus knew what Judas was planning; as Jesus washed the disciples' feet He said, "Those who have already bathed, need only wash their feet to be clean again. And you are clean – although not all of you are."



Then when Jesus was eating the Passover meal with His disciples, He told them that one of them would betray Him. And when Judas, copied some of the others in asking if he was the one, Jesus replied 'Yes'. Jesus even told Judas it was time for him to what he had planned.



So Judas went to get the priests and the group of men with swords and clubs and he led them to the garden where he knew Jesus would go.

When Judas, realized that Jesus was really going to die, he took the thirty silver coins back to the priests; "I have sinned," he said, "I have betrayed an innocent man."

"What do we care?" they said. "That's your problem."

Judas threw the silver coins down onto the temple floor and went out and killed himself.

The priests picked up the coins, "we can't keep this money," they said, "it was payment for murder." They finally decided to buy a field to make a cemetery for foreigners.



Tuesday

Judas was one of the 12 special disciples.

Luke 6:13 – 16 NLT, "At daybreak He (Jesus) called together all of His

_____ (3d) and _____ (10a) _____ (9a) Of them to be apostles. Here are their names: Simon (whom He named Peter), Andrew (Peter's brother), James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (who was called the zealot), Judas (son of James), _____ (1d) _____ (2a) who later betrayed Him."

Of course, the disciples did not know back then that Judas would betray Jesus - they wrote the gospels much later, after Jesus had returned to heaven.

What did Jesus do for the disciples in Matthew 10:1? "Jesus called His twelve disciples together and gave them _____ (5a) to cast out evil/impure _____ (6a) and to _____ (11d) every kind of _____ (4d) and _____ (7d)."

Did this include Judas? _____
And Jesus did this even though He knew Judas would betray Him.

John 6:70-71 NLT, "I chose the twelve of you, but one is a _____ (12a) He was speaking of _____ (1a) son of Simon _____ (2d) one of the twelve, who would later _____ (8d) Him."



Wednesday

Why was Judas upset when Mary poured the perfume on Jesus' feet?

John 12:6 _____
When did the other disciples find this out? We don't know.

Did Judas know that Jesus knew, what Judas was planning? Matthew 26:21-25 NLT, "While they were eating, He said, 'I tell you the truth, one of you will _____ Me.' Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, 'Am I the one, Lord?' He replied, 'One of you who has just eaten from this bowl with Me will betray Me. For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who _____ Him. It would be far _____ for that man if he had never been _____!' Then Judas, the one who would betray Him, also asked, 'Rabbi, am I the one?' And Jesus told him, "You have said it.' [in other words – yes]"

Even though Judas was found out, he still went ahead with his plan. Why? Luke 22:3 NLT, "Then _____ entered into _____, who was one of the twelve disciples."

Judas didn't really know Jesus, even after all the time he had spent with Him. Judas hadn't fully committed His life to Jesus.

