

Judas Iscariot

- In our hearts, most of us have already tried, convicted, and executed Judas Iscariot, the betrayer of Jesus.
- The Biblical Information regarding Judas (Mark 14:10-11; 18-21; 43-45) reveals some interesting information which enlighten our convictions about Judas.
 - The meaning of his name—Iscariot remains uncertain—may refer to his home village, Kerioth.
 - Judas was known to be greedy: He carried the money bag; and gained a reputation of helping himself to it. (John 12:6)
 - Judas was offered money to betray Jesus by the leading priests of that time. (Mark 14:10-11)
 - Jesus called Judas a devil (John 6:70) and predicted the betrayal. (John 14:18-21)
 - The devil put the idea of betrayal into Judas's mind, and Satan "entered" him at the time of the betrayal (Luke 22:3; John 13:2, 27).
 - When Judas and the soldiers found Jesus in the garden, Judas betrayed him with a kiss of greeting (14:43-52).
 - Later, Judas was apparently overcome by remorse for betraying an innocent man and he hanged himself (Matthew 27:3-10; Acts 1:18-19)

How does this amazing portion of the scriptures affect our lives?

- 1- Satan is ***real***.
- 2- Satan confronts us at our point of greatest ***weakness***.
- 3- Satan uses individuals who are ***close*** to Christ.
- 4- Any contact with or involvement with Satan is extremely ***destructive*** to us.
- 5- Satan enters our lives through some of the ***holiest*** moments in our lives.

"(v.26) Jesus responded, 'It is the one to whom I give the bread I dip in the bowl.' And when he had dipped it, he gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot. (v.27) When Judas had eaten the bread, Satan entered into him. Then Jesus told him, 'Hurry and do what you're going to do.' (v.30) So Judas left at once, going out into the night."

John 13:26-27, 30

Judas had found his place—the darkness!
Have you found your place?

"(v.5) You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had,
(v.6) Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something
to cling to. (v.7) Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position
of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, (v.8) he
humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

(v.9) Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name
above all other names, (v.10) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven
and on earth and under the earth, (v.11) and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ
is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:5-11

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I find my place in life when I

Adopt Christ's attitude,

give up special **privileges** ,

and serve those **around** me.

I find my place in life when I

Honor Jesus as Lord of the universe, and

establish him as the **C.E.O.** of my life.

I find my place in life when I confess that Jesus is Lord above all.

At that moment my life begins to take it's special shape and fulfills its purpose.

Who controls your life?

You?

Christ?

Satan?