



I. Review

He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. (Matthew 10:1 NIV)

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. (Matthew 10:2-4 NIV)

Verse 1 - Chosen to be TRAINED

Verse 2 - Chosen to be SENT

II. JUDAS

A. JUDAS

B. ISCARIOT

C. His CALL

D. Judas' COMMITMENT

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. (John 6:66 NIV)

E. Judas' CHARACTER

Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. (John 12:3-6 NIV)

F. Judas' CHANCE

Luke 16:1-13 – the lesson of the UNJUST STEWARD

Matt 22:11-14 – the lesson of the WEDDING GARMENT

Matt 6:19-34 – lessons on MONEY

Luke 12:13-15 – lesson on GREED

Matt 23:1-12 – lessons on PRIDE

It all comes to an incredible climax when at the last supper. (John 13:21-26 NIV)

III. The BETRAYAL of Jesus

A. A PRIVATE place

From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over. (Matthew 26:16)

They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over. (Mark 14:11 NIV)

B. The PRICE

and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. (Matthew 26:15 NIV)

*"I told them, "If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it." So they paid me thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said to me, "Throw it to the potter"- the handsome price at which they priced me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord to the potter."
(Zechariah 11:12-13 NIV)*

1. Greedy people will settle for ANY PRICE
2. The Chief Priest had a DISTAIN for Judas – shown in the small amount offered
3. They HATED JESUS so much – they felt it was all he was worth.

C. His personal PERVERSION

Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." (Matthew 26:48 NIV)

D. The act of BETRAYAL

*Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons. Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?"
(John 18:2-4, NIV)*

E. Judas – His TRAGIC END

When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. (Matthew 27:3)

So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself. (Matthew 27:5 NIV)

With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. (Acts 1:18 NIV)

IV. LESSONS from Judas

A. Judas is the greatest example in history - of LOST OPPORTUNITY

B. Judas is the greatest example in history - of WASTED PRIVILEGE

C. Judas is the greatest example in history - the LOVE OF MONEY is the root of all evil

D. Judas is the greatest example in history - the PATIENT LOVE of God