

Judas

**Matthew 27**

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## Judas is unique in this narrative

1. Disciples would never forsake Him
2. Peter would not deny Him
3. Jews would use false witnesses to stop Him; He was resurrected
4. Pilate would release Him
5. Herod would see His miracles
6. People would enjoy the show, Lk.23
7. Judas alone failed by succeeding

# Many think they want something until they get it

1. Gn.13, Lot, fertile land; 19, bad company
2. Gn.37, Joseph's brothers, revenge
3. 2 Sm.13, Amnon and Tamar, lust

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# Why could Peter be forgiven for denying, Judas not for betraying?

## Repentance

- Peter turned to Lord, Mt.26:75
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  - **Regret:** wishes something could be undone. 2 Co.7:8
  - Like Cain, Judas sought relief in wrong way.

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  - **Repentance:** change of mind
    - Filled with Godly Sorrow
    - NT: always change based on God, 2 Co.7:8-10

# Many never learn true meaning of repentance

## Adultery:

- May regret state, but will not change
- “Does this mean they can’t be saved?”
- 2 Co.12:21



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# Sincerity does not make a wrong way right.

Penny held close to eye

- 1 K.20
  - Ep.5:25, 28; 6:4
- Mt.13:22, deceitfulness of riches  
(promise happiness; Judas got woe)
- 1 Tim.6:10

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Judas would love to  
appease his conscience . . .

How?

- By recalling Jesus' sins and hypocrisy – 'kiss and tell'
- Men who rejected Christ did so in spite of evidence to contrary –
  - Mt.12:22...38
  - Jn.11:47-53; 12:9-11

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# “What is that to us...?”

Did Judas think returning money  
would atone for sin (1)?

Our deeds have eternal conse-  
quences. Ec.8:11

Immorality – lose innocence...

Marriage – stuck!

Painful words – cannot unsay...

Suicide (v.5) – 2 Sm.17:23

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**VI. Temptations Either  
Make Us Or Break Us, 5**

# No one enjoyed greater blessings or privileges than Judas

- Heard greatest teacher EVER, Mt.7
- Saw greatest example EVER, Mt.3,4...
- Saw / experienced greatest miracles EVER, Mk.1:32...
- Received greatest favors EVER, Mk.3:19
- Received greatest warning **EVER**, Mt.26:21, 24; personally identified, v.25



# In spite of his advantages, Judas was covetous

Jn.12:6; 13:2; Mt.26 [Gn.3]

- Judas fed his weakness, yielded to it...
- Peter fought his weakness, fell, but kept getting up

## The benefit to us –

1. Count it all joy when someone reveals your faults to you. Ph.3:12-14
2. At first symptom of disease, seek the cure.
3. We are not unique. 1 Co.10:13.

6-10: conscientious scruples  
of the unscrupulous

Last reference to Judas in  
NT: Acts 1:25