

THE MANY FACES OF A REPROBATE JUDAS MESSAGE

Face of Rebellion:

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Cain:	Face of A face characterized by anger, darkness, wise guy.
ISHMAEL:	Mocker.
ESAU:	Immoral style good looking, athletic.
Baalim	Religious, pious, compromiser, ecumenist.
Hophni & Phineas	Rebellious children, obstinate and disrespectful to parents.
Saul:	Dignified and good looking executive.
Absalom:	The Robin Hood Syndrome. Of Rebels.
Adonijah	Sneaking, scheming.
Jeroboam:	The Rebel who could not trust God.
Jezebel:	Her name means without a Husband. The first womans liberal who refused to be under her husband.
Athaliah	A Woman of Ambition. Her name comes from two words. Constrained and Lord. Hillary Clinton.
Manasseh	A rebel who forgot the blessing of his father.

Of all of these in this series of messages, I have chosen to talk about three, who in my mind stand out as being the worst. I will be focusing in on what I believe to be the top three reprobates of all time, besides the devil himself.

The one person that tops all of these in the minds of so many throughout the ages is none other than Judas Iscariot.

Judas:

Probably the person that goes down in history as being the most infamous traitor to our Lord, and in fact reprobate of all, is none other than Judas Iscariot.

We have read about some pretty bad rebels and characters in the Bible, but there is none as lowdown and despicable as Judas.

This morning we are going to look at him as an example of a person who Jesus labeled as THE SON OF PERDITION John 17:12

What exactly does the word perdition mean? He is called the son of perdition by our Lord.

apoleia, ap-o'-li-a; from a presumed der. of 622; ruin or loss (phys., spiritual or eternal):-damnable (-nation), destruction, die, perdition, X perish, pernicious ways, waste.

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apollumi, ap-ol'-loo-mee; from 575 and the base of 3639; to destroy (reflex. to perish, or lose), lit. or fig.: -destroy, die, lose, mar, perish.

What does the son of perdition mean?

It means to be lost, damnable, to perish. A person destined for destruction. A person who will perish.

Such a description sounds like this is one person you know went to hell.

We live in a day where we are afraid to really say anyone has gone to hell. I have even heard people say that Judas Iscariot may have made it to heaven. This is how crazy we have become when it comes to biblical knowledge and belief.

Jesus said Judas was the son of perdition.

John 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

Mark 14:21 The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.

This morning let us consider some of the Characteristics of Judas.

First of all:

1. He Was Filled With Hypocrisy And Had the face of a Hypocrite:

John 12:2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

John 12:3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

John 12:4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,

John 12:5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

John 12:6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

John 12:7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

John 12:8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

John 12:9 Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

Consider his hypocrisy, how he pretended to care for the poor. He knew how to sound good. He was a hypocrite. He disguised his evil deeds and motives by pretending to be concerned for the poor.

1. He Used Religion For A Cover up For His Covetousness.

Here he pretends to care for the poor.
Sounded good and looked good.

Note: He accused Jesus of being wasteful.

A Judas knows how to play the game and knows how to look the part.

John 12:5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?
John 12:6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

Mark 14:4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made?

It totally baffles me how it is that many of our politicians claim to be concerned for the welfare of our children while they promote laws and policies that only lead to their ruin. They are for the poor yet their laws and policies only guarantee that the poor stay poor.

But who can argue when they claim it is for the welfare of the children or the poor? Are they for the poor? Was Judas concerned for the poor? It sounded so good but was only a cover up for his thievery.

Judas pretended to be concerned for the poor.. who can argue against that.. but he was in fact a thief!

2. A Judas is a Judas because he is covering up hidden sin, and in Judas case that sin was the sin of Thievery:

John 12:6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.
John 12:7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

Judas was a thief.. so it is that Judas was good at hiding his sin and thievery...

What was amazing was that Jesus knew this the whole time but He did nothing about it. Sometimes when dealing with a Judas the best thing to do is nothing. They will self destruct in and of themselves.

II. Judas Was Filled With Disloyalty and Treachery.

It was after this rebuke about the ointment that Judas sought opportunity to betray the Lord. In a parallel passage in Matthew we read:

Matthew 26:8 But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste?
Matthew 26:9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.
Matthew 26:10 When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.
Matthew 26:11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.

Matthew 26:12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial.
Matthew 26:13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

Matthew 26:14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,
Matthew 26:15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

Matthew 26:16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

He is a traitor, and it was after he was rebuked about this money issue that he decided to betray the Lord.

Maybe he knew that he was found out. Maybe he was upset at Jesus for rebuking him publicly.

Whatever it be, he decided to betray the Lord for 30 pieces of silver.

30 Pieces of silver was the going rate for a slave in that day!

Gen. 37:28 Joseph was sold for 20 pieces of silver. This was the price of his betrayal.

Like all turncoats there is usually some deep seated bitterness that motivates them.

Just like Satan of old it is usually envy that motivates a Judas.

They are not content with their position, so they want to bring their authority down.

A Judas is motivated by pride and envy which leads to the betrayal of their authority, and friend.

IV. A JUDAS IS FILLED WITH THE DEVIL.

Luke 22:1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.

Luke 22:2 And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people.

Luke 22:3 Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

Luke 22:4 And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.

Luke 22:5 And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money.

Luke 22:6 And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

When a Judas shows his ugly fangs everyone just wonders, why?

There seems no logic or reason for this treachery.

It seems bizarre and unbelievable that anyone would be so treacherous.

So it is, that there is only one explanation, that this person is motivated of Satan.

When Satan enters into a person, their actions become bizarre and there doesn't seem to be any logical explanation for their actions.

Even the amount of money Judas received for betraying the Lord didn't make sense.

And when a person's actions make no sense at all, be sure they are motivated by sin, and the author of all sin is Satan.

V. A Judas Takes Advantage Of The Love That Is Shown By God's People.

Luke 22:47 And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.

Luke 22:48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

Matthew 26:48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.

Matthew 26:49 And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.

Matthew 26:50 And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

In another place Jesus said:

Luke 22:48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

Judas took advantage of Christian hospitality and used the love of the brethren and Jesus' love as an opportunity to betray Him.

Judas betrayed Jesus with a Kiss. He pretended to be loyal. He pretended to care for Jesus.

He pretended to be a disciple. He pretended to love Jesus.

One of the characteristics of the Church is that we are usually ready to manifest love to everyone. Because of that we are susceptible to a Judas.

Our love is what will draw people to Christ.
Our Love is what a Judas will take advantage of.

Jude 1:12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

VI. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO AVOID THE JUDASES OF THIS LIFE.

1. The Bible teaches that it is necessary that we come into contact with people like Judas Iscariot.

Matthew 18:7 Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

Luke 22:21 But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table.

Luke 22:22 And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!

Matthew 26:24 The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

John 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

It is necessary that we be exposed to people like Judas so we can be proven and our faith tested.

It was no accident that Judas was among the 12, and if Jesus had one Judas, yet He being perfect, what makes you think our Church will not experience similar problems with people we take in, try to help, and people we try to minister to.

Jesus said:

Matthew 18:7 Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

When I was first saved I was amazed at how wonderful things seemed to be as a new Christian. I mentioned to a deacon in the church that when I read the Bible about all the persecution Christians went through I expected to experience the same thing, but being in the church I really was amazed how many Christians there were who professed Christ. Then the old wise brother from the church said to me, hold on that day will come.

That day did come. The greatest trials that a Christian will face will not be from those who are from without but the trouble people can cause who are from within, who turn on the church and God's people.

Do you realize that the Jews were trying to get Jesus and destroy Him for all 3 1/2 years of his ministry? They were not successful until Judas betrayed the Lord.

The greatest hurt comes from within.
The greatest offences come from within.
The greatest heartache comes from within.

Judas. Jesus said, betrayest thou the son of man with a kiss.

Jesus said all this was done that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

Psalms 41:9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

Some think that the friend mentioned here is Ahithophel. He was the one that was counselor to Absalom. What is interesting is that Ahithophel, when he discovered that his counsel was not followed, he went and hanged himself, just like Judas did. Of course Absalom was killed also and hung in a tree but not at his own hands.

A reprobate's end is always seems to end in self destruction. Either by suicide or at the hands of others or through providence they are brought to confusion and destruction.

2. A Judas is put in our path as a testing.. to see if we will trust the Lord..

The Judas Iscariot's of this life will often bring to us our worst trials and tribulations. They will cause the greatest heartache.

Ahithophel was counselor to Absalom to cause the greatest heartache ever to king David.

Judas caused the disciples to scatter

Judas indirectly caused Peter to deny the Lord.

Judas brought such heartache and despair to the disciples that if Jesus had not personally re-gathered them, all would have been lost.

VI. ULTIMATELY A JUDAS WILL DESTROY HIMSELF.

Like everyone that is used of Satan, once Satan is through with you guilt will set in, and a lot of times that person becomes suicidal.

Matthew 27:3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Matthew 27:4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

Matthew 27:5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

Matthew 27:6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

Matthew 27:7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the Potter's field, to bury strangers in.

Matthew 27:8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

Matthew 27:9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

Matthew 27:10 And gave them for the Potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

Note: What is amazing about a Judas is their rebellion backfires and they are the ones who are most hurt. They oppose themselves.

So it is that people often get mad, leave the church, betray the Pastor, and talk about the church, they are the ones who are hurt most of all.

It is as if they are set on committing spiritual suicide.

They will not listen to reason.

They oppose themselves and are set on destruction.

II Timothy 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

II Timothy 2:26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

When Satan confuses your thinking, it is ultimately you that gets hurt.

Conclusion:

Judas, the rebels of rebels.
His life is a perfect pattern of a reprobate.

If we were to personify him we would call him the hypocritical traitor, who would ultimately self destruct.

Why are we surprised when what the Bible predicts comes to pass?

II Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

Jude 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude 1:4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude 1:5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Jude 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Jude 1:8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Jude 1:10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

Jude 1:11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

Jude 1:12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

Jude 1:13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

WHY ARE WE SURPRISED THAT WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS COMES TO PASS?

I John 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

Do we think that if Jesus were betrayed by a Judas we will not go through the same?

Do you think that as He was hurt and it would seem everyone abandoned Him, do you think you will not someday find yourself in a similar situation?

Do you think that you will be exempt from suffering??

AS HE IS SO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD.

Evil was spoken of Him, so what do you think will come of us?

He was rejected by the world, so what do you think will happen to us?

AS HE IS SO ARE WE.

GOD SAYS IT IS NECESSARY THAT WE GO THROUGH THESE TRIALS.
IT IS NECESSARY THAT OFFENSES COME.

WHY ARE WE SURPRISED WHEN IT HAPPENS?

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That offences come, but woe unto people like Judas who cause the offences. It were better they had never been born.

Application for our life:

The greatest trial the disciples faced was this betrayal by Judas, which led to the death of our Lord. But this was all in God's plan. It was a test, a trial, of their faith. Jesus told Peter that Satan would seek to sift him like wheat. But our Lord prayed for him that his faith would not fail.

LUK 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

LUK 22:32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

We must be tried, we must be proven in this life. So it is necessary that offences come. But God says woe unto that man through whom they come.

If you cower, falter, and faint in the day of these trials you will not please the Lord. Why are we shocked when we experience what the Bible promises?

2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution...

1 John 3:13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

We can go verse after verse in the Bible that promises problems in this life, but a reward when our Lord returns in His Kingdom.

Why are we shocked when the Bible shows itself to be true?

So put on your spiritual seat belt because the Bible predicts:

2 Tim. 3:13 evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.