

They Had Been With Jesus – Judas Iscariot –

The Acts of Jesus

Luke 6:16b

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THE END HE COULD NOT FORESEE

The Deed of His Undoing

- A cold calculation – Judas had been looking for an opportune time to turn Jesus over to the Jewish leaders for almost a week.
 - Jesus presented Himself in the Temple court everyday, but fear of the crowds held Judas and the leaders in check.
 - The late night prayer meeting in the Garden would be perfect for a betrayal.
- Jesus went out to meet the betrayer in a demonstration of His willingness to drink the cup God was giving Him. (See John 18:1-6)
 - Judas continued with his plan, even after seeing a demonstration of Jesus' power over the soldiers. Mt 26:48f.

The Crisis in His Conscience

- Judas was filled with a repentance-less remorse.
 - He tried to return the silver to the Priests. (Mt 27:3)
 - 30 pieces of silver...the price to buy a slave (Ex 21:32)
 - The priests were unmoved. Their desire had been fulfilled. What was Judas to them but a witless tool. (Mt 27:4)
 - He threw the silver onto the floor of the Temple. (27:5a)
- He could not even end his life on his own terms.
 - He hanged himself on a tree. (27:5)
 - Somehow, his body fell and burst open on the rocks below. (Ac 1:18)
 - Though he sought relief from his sin, he only put himself in a place of greater torment. (Ac 1:25)
 - It would have been better to not have been born. (Mk 14:21)

Lessons Lost on Judas

- Do not harden your hearts when hearing the Gospel. The time may come when you will be unable to “hear” it again. (Heb 3:12-19; cf., Mt 11:28-30)
- What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul? (Mk 8:36ff.; cf. 1 Tim 6:10)
- Satan always desires to be in the middle of the work of God, trying to disrupt and destroy it. (Mt 13:24-30, 36-43)
- The branch that does not bear fruit is cut off and cast into the fire to burn. (Jn 15:6)
- God’s will will always be triumphant, no matter what rebellious man tries to do to stop it; even this tragedy served God’s redemptive purposes. (Heb 2:14; 1 Jn 3:8; Gen 3:15; 50:20)

30 Pieces of Silver, Price of a Man

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Still as of old

Men by themselves are priced –

For thirty pieces Judas sold

Himself, not Christ.

cited in The MacArthur New Testament Commentary,

Luke 6-10, John MacArthur, pg 82

What Only Jesus Could Do

- Zealots, tax collectors, fishermen
 - From the domineering to the dominated
 - From those who can't say enough, to those whose words did not account to much
 - From arguing over their place in the hierarchy to taking their place as servants
 - From enemies in life, to fellow partakers in the cup of Jesus' suffering (friends, and friends of Jesus – Jn 15:12-17; cf., 1 Co 13; 1 Jn 2:8-11; 1 Pe 4:7ff.)
- They went from a motley collection of Jews in the armpit of Rome, to those who turned the world upside-down for Christ.
 - From those who wanted to see the splendor of the Messiah throwing off Rome, to those who saw the beauty of the One whose death conquered sin and death.