

## **Common Men, Uncommon Purpose – Judas Iscariot**

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A good name is more desirable than great riches;  
to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

Proverbs 22:1

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Luke 6:12-16

### **1) ADMIT YOUR ARROGANCE**

In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.

Psalm 10:4

### **2) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY**

Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.

Psalm 41:9

But this is to fulfill the scripture: "He who shares my bread has lifted up his heel against me."

John 13:18

Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.

John 12:5

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 12:6

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me."

For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone ...

James 1:13

... but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire,  
he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin;  
and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

James 1:14-15

### **3) AVOID HYPOCRISY**

... 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.

From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

Matthew 26:15

Judas Theories:

- 1) Judas was greedy and betrayed Jesus for the cash.
- 2) Judas was disappointed that Jesus wasn't the military hero the Jews were expected.
- 3) Judas was trying to help Jesus in his mission.

They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely not I, Lord?"

Matthew 26:22

Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

Jesus answered, "Yes, it is you."

Matthew 26:25

### **4) ASK FOR FORGIVENESS**

Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

Matthew 27:5

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

Psalms 51:1-4

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise as some understand slowness.

He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9