

**STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**

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**Text: Matthew 26**

**Topic: Judas Iscariot**

*<sup>14</sup> Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests*

*<sup>15</sup> and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.*

*<sup>16</sup> So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.*

*Matthew 26:14-16*

1. The story of Judas Iscariot

- a) It was included in the Gospels
- b) It is a story that serves as a cautionary tale

2. The Calling of Judas Iscariot

- a) He was mentioned in Mark 3
- b) In Matthew 10
- c) In Luke 6

3. He was given the following privileges

- a) Of being called to be an apostle
- b) Of being appointed as an apostle
- c) Of being empowered and sent forth to preach the Gospel
- d) He was the Treasurer of the Band of Disciples

4. The External versus the Internal

- a) The External

It comes from the Lord's grace and mercy extended

b) The Internal

i) There must be repentance from sin

ii) One must become regenerate

iii) The heart and mind must be fully involved

5. What went wrong in the case of Judas Iscariot

a) He was never a true believer

Judas was never a true believer

b) He was a deceiver

He managed to deceive his fellow disciples except the Lord

c) He was of the devil

The Lord Jesus always knew that Judas would betray Him John 6:70

d) He was an unrepentant thief

Judas was a thief John 12:6

e) Satan entered into his heart

i) Luke 22:9

When he made plans to betray the Lord

ii) John 13:27

Satan's role was noted again

This took place on the night of the Passover

5. Sobering lessons

a) The heart can be very deceitful

b) It can be sinful and evil

c) Sin can affect:

- i) The mind
  - ii) The heart
  - iii) The behaviour
  - iv) Evil deeds can arise
- d) The involvement of Satan
- i) He seeks to enter the heart
  - ii) He seeks to control
  - iii) He can cause great damage
- e) At the end

Judas brought ruin to himself!