

Series: The Common Twelve
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Focus Disciple: Judas
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¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." ⁴⁹ And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.

1. What do you think of when you hear the name Judas?

2. What is the significance of Judas' trade of 30 pieces of silver to betray Jesus? (Exodus 21:32 may help with historical context).

3. Do you ever find yourself looking for an opportunity to do something you shouldn't? If you have, describe what your thoughts were and what happened.

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4. How deep of a love does God have for us if Jesus calls Judas “friend”, knowing about the betrayal that was going to take place?
5. Were there different motives behind Judas’ betrayal? What could they have been?
6. How do you betray God?
7. What stopped Judas from choosing a different path?