

And it was night!

John 13:21-30

SERMON OUTLINE

Introduction

1. Relationship with Jesus.
2. The Real Judas Iscariot.
3. Remorse or Repentance?

Conclusion

INTRODUCTION

Prophetic details about Jesus' betrayal had to be fulfilled but Judas was responsible for his own action. His betrayal of Jesus was intentional, pre-meditated.

Prophecy about betrayer

Even my close friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me!

Psalm 41:9.

Prophecy about 30 pieces of silver
And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver. Then the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter – the lordly price at which I was priced by them.” So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD, to the potter.
Zechariah 11:12-13.

Prophecies linked to Judas' betrayal ⁶

Brothers, beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. Peter, in Acts 1: 16-17.

Judas was responsible for the
betrayal

The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.

Matthew 26:24, Mark 14:21.

Judas had carefully planned the betrayal

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them...So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd. Lk. 22:3-6.

INTRODUCTION

Who was Judas Iscariot?

- One of the 12 apostles.
- Iscariot = man from Kerioth.
- Treasurer of disciples.
- Betrayed Jesus.

1. RELATIONSHIP

Judas to Jesus

- Outwardly like the other apostles.
- Never really believed Jesus.
- Impressed with Jesus' power and authority but untouched by His compassion and mercy.
- Served money, not Jesus.
- Allowed Satan to enter into him.

1. RELATIONSHIP

Jesus to Judas

- **Jesus chose Judas to be one of the 12 apostles.**
- **He loved him deeply.**
- **He did everything to stop him from his betrayal.**

Jesus warned his disciples that the betrayer would be one of the twelve

- “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” Mt. 26.21.
- “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” Mk. 14:18.

Jesus identified the betrayer

Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.” Mt. 26:25.

He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me.” Mark 14:20.

SILENT REFLECTION 1: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Hear the words of the Heavenly
Bridegroom calling us to Him today:

“Let me see your face, let me hear
your voice, for your voice is sweet
and your face is lovely.” Song 2:14.

2. THE REAL JUDAS ISCARIOT

Outward impression

Able, gifted, could be trusted.

Reality

Deceitful, hypocrite, lover of money, traitor.

Silent Reflection

The real ME

“The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately sick: who can understand it?” Jeremiah 17:9.

Lord Jesus, please search my heart and save me from living a double life and keeping double standards.

3. REMORSE OR REPENTANCE?

Peter: denial → repentance → reinstated by Jesus → loved and served Jesus till the end of his life.

Judas: betrayal → remorse → despair → suicide.

Silent Reflection 3

Repentance

Pray:

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.”

Psalm 51:10-11.

CONCLUSION

Metamorphosis:

passive, continual.

Conformity:

opposite of metamorphosis.

Our response

Renew my life, Lord Jesus,
I never want to be the same.

Renew my life, Lord Jesus,
Place your heart inside of me.

In my life and thoughts there
are so many things
That need the change
That only your love can bring,
And I need to be transformed
Into your likeness, O Lord,
Change this heart inside of me.