

## Finding Peace With Yourself

Outline – September 17, 2023  
Matthew 26:14-16, 20-25  
Mark 14:43-47; Matthew 27:1-5

### The Problem of Judas Iscariot (One of the 12) Don't Be Like That Guy!

- I. **How we lose our personal peace**
  - A. Life didn't go as we wanted
  - B. Wasted opportunities
  - C. Squandered privileges
  - D. Hurt others instead of helping others
  - E. Didn't ask or seek the Lord, nor did they knock on the door of His grace
  - F. Realization you can't turn back the clock
- II. **The person of Judas Iscariot (10 things to know)**
  - A. One of the 12
    1. He saw miracles
    2. He saw demons flee
    3. He heard the word of Messiah daily
  - B. The name Judas (Judah) means "praise to God"
  - C. An outsider (meaning he was not from Galilee)
  - D. He left his vocation to follow Jesus
  - E. He was the money manager (though Matthew had more experience)
  - F. No one suspected him of betrayal
  - G. Was Satanically driven
  - H. Fulfilled Scripture
  - I. Showed remorse
  - J. Could have known forgiveness (had he sought it)
- III. **What happened to Judas? (5 things)**
  - A. Lost his personal presence with Jesus
  - B. Lost his power of fellowship
  - C. Lost his privileges
  - D. Lost his purpose
  - E. Lost his peace (took his life)
- IV. **How he lost his peace (7 ways)**
  - A. He refused to change
    1. Though he saw miracles and heard teaching from Jesus
    2. He ended up the same way he started
    3. Association is good, but following and applying is crucial for reward and peace
  - B. He restricted himself
    1. Gave something, but not everything

2. He went through the motions
  3. By giving a little, he lost it all
  4. He discounted the power of priority
  5. Peace is only found when you surrender it all
- C. He reframed the situation
1. He called worship waste
  2. Worship is essential
  3. Praise is Biblical
    - a. "Clap your hands"
    - b. "Shout unto God"
    - c. "Lift your voice"
    - d. "God inhabits the praises of his people"
- D. He restructured the relationship with Jesus
1. Judas knew Jesus as Rabbi (Teacher)
  2. Not as Savior who offers salvation
  3. Thus no change, worship, confidence, or peace
  4. Jesus knew who would betray him, but would not expose him
- E. He recalculated the timing
1. Judas had incorrect timing
  2. Judas believed this betrayal might speed-up the beginning of the physical Kingdom
  3. Took matters into his own hands
  4. We can't force God's hand
  5. Beware of manipulating what you want
- F. He rehearsed the betrayal
1. Made a choice
  2. Sought money over loyalty
  3. A kiss of betrayal
  4. A word that should have had a different meaning (don't let him go)
- G. He was replaced by Matthias (If you don't finish God's assignment, someone else will)
1. Took 30 pieces of silver and threw it away
  2. The amount he sold out Jesus for
  3. What you sell out Jesus for, you will eventually lose
  4. God includes us, but doesn't need us
  5. Judas lost his peace
- V. **How does anyone become like Judas?**
- A. When you don't believe and apply what Jesus has declared
  - B. When you don't appreciate what you have
  - C. When you leave the fellowship of Jesus and Jesus' followers and "go it alone"
  - D. When you embrace toxic people (for Judas it was the Sadducees and Pharisees)

- E. When you don't use the Scripture (coping skills) to remind you of the hope you have in Messiah
  - F. When you feel there is no hope when life didn't turn out the way you planned
  - G. When you take matters into your own hands, instead of seeking God's grace, promises and hope. (You take or waste your life)
- VI. How do you find peace for/with yourself?**
- A. It's good to show remorse (means God is working in your life)
  - B. Confession (Admitting to God what you have learned about what you have done and how He sees it)
  - C. Believing Jesus (For eternal life, then forgiveness, then wisdom and will)
  - D. Repentance
  - E. Growth (Keep learning, apply daily, keep serving)
- VII. A brief comparison with Peter (who overcame)**
- A. He denied Jesus
  - B. He cried over his decision
  - C. He returned to Messiah
  - D. He believed in Messiah
  - E. He received His grace
  - F. He served Messiah
  - G. He died for Messiah (with peace)

**Peter Found Peace  
Judas Never Did**

**You Can Find The Peace Your Heart Desires  
In Messiah Jesus**

