

“Jesus vs Judas, God’s Servant vs. Satan”
John 13:2; John 13:18-30

Last week, we considered Jesus’ washing of His disciple’s feet. I told you this irked / angered Judas! He wanted a Savior from Rome, not sin! Judas wanted a military leader, not a humble servant.

1. *The devil had already put it in Judas’ heart to betray Jesus –*

² ... the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray Him, John 13:2 (NKJV)

1. *Jesus’ washing of His disciples’ feet seems to have made Judas even MORE angry!*

2. *Judas also seems to have a place of honor next to Jesus, but Satan not only puts bad ideas in Judas’ head, but SATAN comes into Judas himself. Judas was not only demon possessed, but he was Satanically possessed –*

²⁷ Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, “**What you do, do quickly.**” John 13:27 (NKJV)

3. *In his heart Judas would betray Jesus, Satan’s desire and goal was to destroy and kill –*

¹⁰ **The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.** John 10:10 (NKJV)

A. *Judas was a thief –*

⁴ But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, who would betray Him, said, ⁵ “Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” ⁶ This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. John 12:4–6 (NKJV)

B. *Satan would kill & destroy –*

• *He really wanted to kill Jesus as soon as Jesus was BORN -*

³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. ⁴ His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. Revelation 12:3–4 (NKJV)

• The Revelation 12 dragon is truly Satan ...

⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; ... Revelation 12:9 (NKJV)

4. *Judas had a will, a desire to betray Jesus. It was not a will free from sin, or from Satan, who indwells him, but it is Judas’ will –*

A. *It is troubling to Jesus that one of His apostles would betray Him -*

²¹ When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, “**Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.**” John 13:21 (NKJV)

B. Judas would be held accountable for his wicked betrayal -

²³ He answered and said, **“He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. ²⁴ The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.”** Matthew 26:23–24 (NKJV)

II. Jesus / God had knowledge of, had a purpose for, and control over this betrayal –

¹⁸ **“I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, ‘He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.’** John 13:18 (NKJV)

1. Not only in this chapter, but in the next several chapters Jesus will be very communicative to His disciples about His coming death on the cross ...

2. :18 He knew who His truly “chosen” were ... one, not all, or even two would “betray”

3. The Scripture Jesus refers to being fulfilled is Psalm 41:9 –

⁹ **Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me. Psalm 41:9 (NKJV)**

A. Psalm 41 was and is A Psalm of David. David’s friend who betrayed him was Ahithophel, he betrayed David by joining with David’s rebellious son Absalom.

B. Yet, God knew, even planned, because all things are according to the counsel of His will – ...being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, Ephesians 1:11 B (NKJV)

4. God knew (all the time) this prophecy would apply to Judas & Jesus!

5. Judas betrayed Jesus much like Ahithophel betrayed David, David had blessed and was kind to Ahithophel, so Jesus was kind to Judas, Jesus extended kindness toward Judas, gave him a position of honor, allowed him (Judas) to walk in His LIGHT! Judas was privileged much like all of the Jewish people were in that day –

10 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ² all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. ⁵ But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness. 1 Corinthians 10:1–5 (NKJV)

A. Judas was privileged beyond most because he had direct contact to and access to Jesus Christ! Judas heard Christ’s teachings and saw His miracles!

B. He (Judas) was privileged, even a taste of God’s Spirit –

⁴ For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame. Hebrews 6:4–6 (NKJV)

6. *Judas' betrayal was a necessary evil because Jesus would die for our sins, but he and others with him were and are still guilty because they willfully had their roles in His murderous death –*

²⁷ **“For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together ²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. Acts 4:27–28 (NKJV)**

7. *What ultimately happens with Jesus is similar to what happened with Joseph -*

²⁰ **But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. Genesis 50:20 (NKJV)**

A. *Joseph's brothers were GUILTY, their throwing Joseph into a pit, the intention of at least some of them to kill him, their selling him into slavery was ALL EVIL on their side!*

B. *God's using what Joseph's brothers did both to prepare Joseph for, and place Joseph in, a saving leadership role was all of God's great grace!*

8. *Our sins caused Jesus' pains, but His pains saved us from our guilt -*

⁵ **But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:5–6 (NKJV)**

III. *Judas' betrayal shows us HOW FAR evil men can go in SEEMING faith –*

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’ Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV)

1. *The words, “Lord, Lord” refer to people who claim and seem to have a profession of faith in Christ, they are calling themselves “Christians” maybe even believing themselves to be Christians ...*

2. *They claim to do great deeds for Christ -*

‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ Matthew 7:22

3. *With evil, sin-filled, deceitful hearts men deceive even themselves –*

⁹ **“The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? Jeremiah 17:9 (NKJV)**

4. *Seemingly good deeds done with wrong and sinful motives are like the Judas kiss –*

⁴⁸ **But Jesus said to him, “**Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?**” Luke 22:48 (NKJV)**

A. *We are commanded to “kiss the Son” –*

¹¹ **Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him. Psalm 2:11–12 (NKJV)**

B. *But a right kiss and right worship comes also with a right heart –*

⁸ ***‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. ⁹ And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’*** Matthew 15:8–9 (NKJV)

5. *Judas was an apostle, Saul was a king, in Matthew 15:9 Jesus mentions teachers of so-called “doctrine” meaning pastors, evangelists, missionaries, Sunday School and other “teachers” can and will be among the LOST –*

‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name ... indicates they thought themselves that they were doing God’s work, in His Name, meaning for His glory, yet they were mistaken!

IV. *Judas’ fall and the failings of others like him should make us humble about our own works and standing with God –*

¹² **Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 1 Corinthians 10:12 (NKJV)**

1. *Realize your best works still require GRACE from God –*

⁶ **But we are all like an unclean *thing*, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. Isaiah 64:6 (NKJV)**

2. *Realize NONE of us are righteous in and of ourselves –*

¹⁰ **As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. ¹² They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.” Romans 3:10–12 (NKJV)**

3. *Peter, later a true leader in the church sins almost as terribly in his denials of Jesus Christ as Judas did in his betrayal –*

³¹ **And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.” ³³ But he said to Him, “Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.” ³⁴ Then He said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me.” Luke 22:31–34 (NKJV)**

A. *Note Satan had a role in Peter’s denials – Luke 22:31*

B. *Note it is only Jesus’ prayers that save Peter – Luke 22:32*

C. *Note Jesus knew Peter’s failure before it happened – Luke 22:34*

4. *This is where the fear and trembling aspect of our faith comes in –*

... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; Philippians 2:12 (NKJV)

A. *There is fear and trembling when we think about our own weaknesses! 1 Corinthians 10:12*

B. *There is confidence, trust when we think about what God / Jesus does for us –*

⁶ **being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; Philippians 1:6 (NKJV)**

¹⁰ **Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Ephesians 6:10 (NKJV)**

⁵ **Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5–6 (NKJV)**