

Mt.10.4b “Judas: Deceived”
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For 2,000 years the name **Judas Iscariot** has been a byword for treachery.

1. His NAME

Judas is the only apostle from Judea among the twelve.
All the others, including Jesus, were from Galilee in the north.

2. His CALL

Judas specific call is not recorded in the gospels.
There is no evidence that Judas ever had a spiritual interest in Jesus.
Judas followed the Lord in a half-hearted way—until he was finally convinced that Jesus’ plans for the kingdom were diametrically opposed to his own.
Luther translated “son of perdition” as “lost child.”
Jesus lost none but the one confirmed in his sin and refusing to be saved.
God had predetermined the betrayal - at the same time, it was by Judas’ own choice.
A person must receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior with an act of his will (Jn.1n12; 3.16; Ro.1.16).
Every believer who does so was chosen to be saved even before the foundation of the world (Ep.1.4).
God also predetermined Judas’s successor from the beginning.
God’s sovereign, choice and the human choice were involved in the selection of Matthias.

- ✚ It was God’s predetermined will to send His Son to die;
- ✚ It was rebellious man’s determined will to put Him to death.

3. His CHARACTER

Judas’s outward personality must have been acceptable - the other eleven had no idea.
Since he was never suspected Judas must have been a remarkable hypocrite.
John had no awareness of Judas’s ulterior motives.
Judas was no more naturally sinful than any other person ever born.
Judas wanted Rome overthrown, and God’s people reestablished in peace and prosperity.

- Judas was first of all a materialist.
- Judas had no interest in personal righteousness or regeneration.
- He was satisfied with himself and used Jesus for material advantage - not for spiritual blessing.
- Jesus gave him every opportunity to renounce his self-life and seek God’s forgiveness.
- But the response of his heart was continual rejection.

He was a loner.

4. His GRADUAL REJECTION

Judas did not begin his discipleship intending to betray Jesus
Judas’ hopes and expectations were expelled and destroyed.

As the other disciples trusted in Jesus and were saved, they **surrendered** more and more to His control.

They **grew** away from their old ways.

When Jesus turned His back on the crown offered by the multitude, Judas turned his **back** on Jesus. Judas's fascination with Jesus had turned first to disappointment and finally to **hatred**. He had never loved Jesus but only sought to use Him. He had never loved his fellow disciples but rather stole for himself from what small resources they had. Now he turned completely **against** them.

He washed their feet with His own hands, to teach them humility and **service**.

He did not grieve over the loss of His **own life**, which He willingly laid down.

He grieved over the **spiritual** death of Judas.

Satan took possession of him in a way that is frightening to contemplate.

(Jn.13.27).