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Mt.10.4b “Judas: Bloody Hands”
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Judas’ PROGRESSIVE REJECTION

Judas did not begin his discipleship intending to betray Jesus.

When Jesus rejected the crowd’s crown - Judas’ hopes & expectations were expelled & destroyed.

❖ Jesus, with one word could destroy any opponent.

The other disciples trusted in Jesus, and as they surrendered, they grew away from their old ways.

The other disciples submitted to Jesus, & He changed them - Judas, never advanced beyond materialism.

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 & finally to hatred.

❖ Now he turned completely against them.

Jesus washed their feet with His own hands, to teach them humility & 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 & made one last appeal before it was too late.

Throughout Church history, some people have tried to attribute a good motive to Judas’s betrayal.

Judas’ BETRAYAL

Judas did not betray Jesus in a sudden fit of anger.

Judas betrayed for a trifling sum.

Judas thought to deceive Jesus by feigning love & loyalty; unaware that Jesus knew of his wicked plan.

Jesus’ love extended even beyond Judas’s point of no return.

The degree of Judas’s betrayal was unique but not its nature.

Still today men & women will sell out the Lord for whatever they think is worth more.

Judas sold Jesus for greed.

No man could be more like the devil than a perverted apostle.

Judas’ DEATH

“Then desire [lust] when it has conceived, gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death” (Ja.1.15).

Remorse is not repentance.

That did not end the misery of his conscience, however, for his guilt & anguish will last through all eternity.

God overruled the wickedness of Jesus’ betrayer & used it to fulfill His own Word.

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE LIFE OF JUDAS

(1) He is the world's greatest example of **lost opportunity**.

Judas was among the original 12 men Jesus called to be His apostles,

- ❖ **hearing** God's Word from the mouth of His own Son &
- ❖ **seeing** God's power manifested as never before on earth.

Yet Judas turned his back on **grace** incarnate.

(2) Judas's life provides the world's greatest example of **wasted privilege**.

(3) His life provides the clearest illustration of **love** of money being the root of all kinds of **evil** (I Ti.1.10).

(4) Judas's life is the supreme object in history of the forbearing, **patient** love of **God**.

Only God could have known the utter evil of Judas's heart from the beginning & yet **never** have withdrawn His offer of grace.

CONCLUSION:

Judas's betrayal enabled the Son of God to be perfected through His **suffering** (He.2.10).

Judas was:

- ✚ the consummate hypocrite of all time,
- ✚ the supreme illustration of an ungodly life that hides behind Christ while he serves Satan.