

Judas, The Traitor

mt. 26:14-16

I. His covenant with the chief priests.

- A. after the supper at Bethany, when Mary anointed Jesus with the precious ointment.
- B. "What will ye give me?" - coveted money
- C. Jno. 12:6 "He was a thief + had the bag."
- D. 30 pieces of silver = about 18 dollars, the standard price of a common slave in those days.
- E. see how deceitful + damning is the love of money. many people today, for the sake of worldly wealth, have renounced the religion of their Lord + sold Jesus and their own eternal soul for portion of this world's goods.
- F. money has been defined as that something which buys everything but happiness and takes a man everywhere but to heaven. When the Turkish ruler Saladin died he left directions that his empty hands should be on view outside his coffin. He meant to show by this that, of all his vast wealth and conquests, he could take nothing with him.

II. His exposure in the Upper Room. mt. 26:21-25

A. see how hypocritical Judas was.

- 1. Pretended to be sorrowful v. 22
- 2. Dipped with the Lord into the juice of the bitter herbs of the sacrificial Passover feast. v. 23
- 3. when men are completely hardened by the deceitfulness of sin, they can outwardly perform the most solemn acts of devotion, without feeling any sort of inward concern.
- 4. Judas dares not use the august title "Lord" but simply says, "master."
- 5. sinners like locusts in books of Revelation, with crowns of gold on their heads, but stings in their tails.

Like these locusts, sin wears a crown of gold and presents a soft and easy appearance: But under all of this are the iron teeth of retribution & the remorseless sting of suffering.

III. The Kiss in the Garden. Mt. 26:47-50

- A. "One of the Twelve" - and a traitor
- B. Came with a mob of ruffians & murderers.
- C. The coolly deliberate sign of the kiss
- D. The cowardice of Judas - "Held Him fast."
- E. Proof of the Lord's sovereign power, when they all were stricken down to the earth. Jos. 18

IV. The Suicide's Death. Mt. 27:3-10; Act. 1:15-26

- A. Judas' conscience condemned him. He was strung with unavailing remorse.
- B. His Declaration of the innocence of Christ
- C. His tragic self-destruction. Mt. 27:5 Act. 1:18
 1. He went and hanged himself, and the rope breaking, he fell down, and by the violence of his fall his body was burst, and his bowels gushed out.
 2. Some think that after he hanged himself his body was thrown on the dunghill, and since the abdomen first yields to putrefaction, it burst open & the bowels were thus shed from the body, and possibly torn out by dogs.
 3. There was an ancient tradition that the Devil caught Judas up into the air, strangled him, and violently threw him down on the ground so that his body was burst and his bowels gushed out.
- D. Undoubtedly the destruction of his body was horrible beyond description, but what of his agonized soul?
 1. Act. 1:25 - He went to "his own place."
 2. Mt. 26:24 - "it had been good for such a man if he had not been born."

Conclusions: II. Act. 2:23, 36, 37, 38, 41 - Even murderers of Christ.
I Heb. 3:13; 6:4-6; 10:26-29; 12:17 - they don't wait ^{can he condemn if} too often.

Verses on How to Pray

1. Fermently - Col. 4:12
2. sincerely - Psal. 141:1
3. Constantly - Col. 4:12
4. With faith James 5:15
5. With repentance Psal. 66:18
6. By help of H.S. ~~Jer. 36:7~~
Rom. 8:26
Eph. 6:18
Jude 20

1a. "I will pass through this world
but once. Any good thing therefore
that I can do, or any kindness
that I can show to any human
being, let me do it now. Let me not
defer it or neglect it, for I shall
not pass this way again."

2b. "The greatest thing a man can do
for his Heavenly Father is to be kind
to some of his other children