



Judas Mt 27

March 31

OVERVIEW: [Matthew](#)

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CONTEXT: Jesus needed to die (Isa 53) to provide atonement for sin. His death involved the will of God but also the plans of evil men (Acts 2:23, 4:27–8). Judas was at the forefront of this evil and God's plans. This week's LG will explore the disciple who betrayed Jesus.

FIRST, A.M. SERMON RECAP (Jn 15:1–15)

- What image does Jesus use here and what does it mean?
- What can we do if we don't abide in Jesus?
- What does it mean to abide in Him?
- What proves our faith in Jesus Christ?
- How do we obtain fullness of joy?
- What does it look like to be friends of Christ?

READ: Mt 27:1–10

QUESTIONS:

1. What do we know about Judas? (*If you have time, look out the few references to him in a concordance*). Here are some highlights:
 1. *A disciple of Jesus (Mt 10:4)*
 - i. *In every list known as a betrayer.*
 2. *The handler of the money bag, yet a thief (Jn 13:29)*
 3. *Not a true disciple (Jn 6:70)*
 4. *A sinner possessed of Satan (Lk 22:3)*
 5. *He never confessed Jesus as Lord, only teacher.*
2. What had taken place in Matthew's Gospel: 26:14–6 (the Plot), 26:17–25 (the Last Supper); 26: 47 (the Arrest)?
 1. The coins would have amounted to about 4 months wages.
3. **Why had Judas become disillusioned with Jesus?**
4. **V. 3- What did he think they were going to do with Jesus?**

1. *Ever been betrayed or known someone who has been? Psalm 55 is a great resource.*
5. V. 3–5- How is this an act of desperation? Why could he not change their minds?
 1. What does this story teach us about the consequences of our actions?
 2. Have you ever, like the coins, sought to give back or undo something you came to believe was wrong?
6. *V. 3- notice it says Judas "changed his mind" (metamelomai) He was very sorry. He had second thoughts. This is different from repentance (metanoia- change of heart).*
7. *Peter had believed in Jesus and then denied Him. Judas had never believed in Him and betrayed Him. One man committed suicide and one didn't. One man changed his mind, the other his heart (Ps 51:17). **How did this effect how they processed their denial/betrayal, their knowledge of God, and the outcome for their life?***
8. **What is the difference between bad guilt and good grief (2 Cor 7:10)?**
9. "Judas hung himself." How can this be reconciled with Acts 1:8?
10. Suicide means "killing of oneself." How is suicide in the Bible portrayed? (e.g. Saul & armourer bearer, Samson?, Abimelech, Ahitophel, Zimri).
11. **Why should we seek to help preserve someone's life? In our increasingly dark days, what ministry of hope will we be called to? How does the Gospel bring the hope that someone considering suicide needs?**
12. Vv. 6–8- How does this story show the hypocrisy of the religious leaders?
13. Vv. 9–10- How was this a fulfilment of prophecy? What encouragement is this? What niggly questions does it raise?

NEXT TIME: April 7, Lk 24—The Ascension