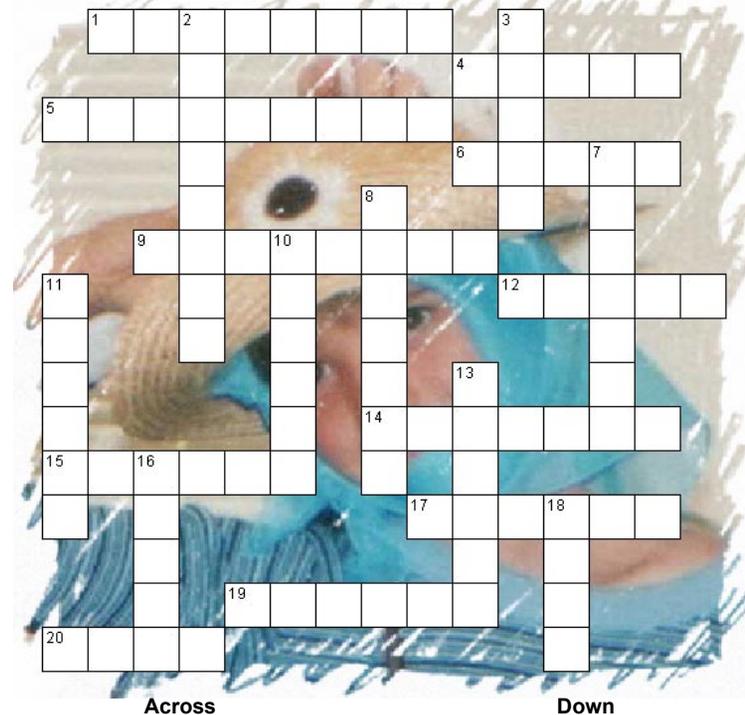
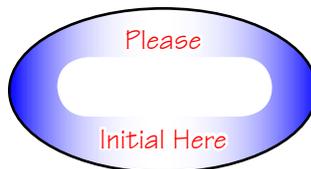


Crossword Puzzle



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| 1. All were _____ except one... | 2. Judas _____. |
| 4. Judas never turned his _____ nor asked for forgiveness. | 3. The Lord _____. |
| 5. ...one of the Lord's _____ poured... | 7. The twelve _____. |
| 6. _____ Iscariot | 8. None of the apostles were _____. |
| 9. ...a flask of precious _____... | 10. The _____ apostles. |
| 12. "Why this _____?" | 11. ...thirty pieces of _____... |
| 14. ...we are all _____ to become more like Him. | 13. The _____ chose all the apostles. |
| 15. Judas had no _____ for rejecting... | 16. Having been so _____ to the Lord... |
| 17. The Father had _____ all the apostles... | 18. ...keep our hearts open and _____... |
| 19. ...the last _____... | |
| 20. ...keep our hearts _____ and soft... | |

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- Lesson Seven -

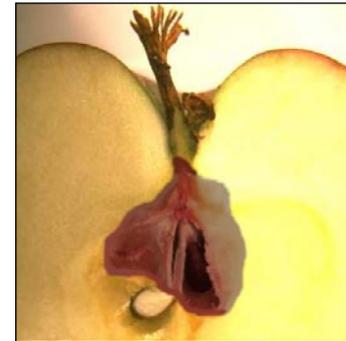
In the Gospels –

The False Disciple: Judas Iscariot

I. Overview.

The Lord Jesus had all kinds of people follow Him. As we saw in the previous lessons, some were quite good, seeking God like Peter and John. Others were not so good like Matthew. The Lord was able to work in the hearts of these men to make them all faithful followers. There was, however, one disciple who never became a faithful one. His name was Judas Iscariot.

Judas Iscariot never called Jesus "Lord." The most he ever called Him was "Rabbi", which means "teacher." Whereas the other disciples may have had problems with their weakness, Judas had problems with hypocrisy and falsehood. He was trusted to take care of the money bag, but because of his corrupt heart he became a thief and stole from it. Eventually, Judas became a betrayer of the Lord Jesus, delivering Him to those who would crucify Him.



Within Judas Iscariot there was the corrupt elements of hypocrisy and falsehood.

II. Memory Verse.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart. And see if there is some harmful way in me, and lead me on the eternal way."

(Psa. 139:23-24)

III. Lesson.

None of the twelve apostles that the Lord called were “perfect.” Peter was too outspoken. Thomas lacked faith – even not believing in the Lord’s resurrection at first. James and John were so “fiery” and impetuous that the Lord called them “sons of thunder.” Matthew was a tax collector. There are no perfect disciples. The Lord calls us as we are. Yet, as we follow the Lord, we are all changed to become more like Him.

The Unfaithful Apostle

Of the twelve apostles that the Lord chose, all were faithful to Him except one, Judas Iscariot. To have weaknesses is one thing, but to be a false disciple is another. Although the Lord knew that Judas was corrupt and that he would betray Him, He purposely appointed Judas to be with Him, because the Father had chosen him. Having been so close to the Lord, Judas had no excuse for rejecting the Lord. It was his own choice.

One day while one of the Lord’s disciples poured her greatest treasure on Him (a flask of precious ointment), Judas rebuked her and cried out “Why this waste? Why was this ointment not sold and the money given to the poor?” He did not say this because he cared about the poor, but because he carried the money bag and wanted to steal the money.



Judas was a lover of money and a thief - not a good combination.

Just before the Lord’s death, Judas let Satan into his heart and then made a deal with the priests to betray the Lord. He agreed to deliver Jesus to them for thirty pieces of silver. At the last supper the Lord told the disciples that one of them would betray Him. Each of

the disciples asked “I’m not the one, am I, Lord?”, calling the Lord Jesus “Lord.” Judas asked “I’m not the one, am I, Rabbi”. He did not call Him “Lord” but “Rabbi.” Each one called Him “Lord” except for Judas.

Judas, finally, delivered the Lord to the ones seeking to kill Him by giving Him a false kiss. Even though he later regretted the things he had done, he never turned his heart nor asked for forgiveness. The Father had chosen all of the apostles and the Lord obeyed by appointing them all, even knowing what kind of person Judas was. We should always pray that the Lord would keep our hearts open and soft toward Him.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. Were all the disciples good people?

2. Why did the Lord appoint Judas an apostle if He already knew the kind of person he was?

3. Did Judas ever call Jesus “Lord?”

4. Why did Judas complain about the ointment?

