

JESUS: THE GREATEST LIFE OF ALL

BETRAYED AND ARRESTED

SELECTED SCRIPTURES



The Heart of the Matter

Perhaps no name in history is more synonymous with traitor than the name “Judas.” Judas enjoyed the advantages of a close association with the Lord as one of His twelve select men. Judas was mentored, empowered, and groomed for leadership. He saw Jesus’s miracles and heard His teaching. Judas was even entrusted with the management of the group’s money. Nevertheless, unresolved, secret sin revealed the inner Judas as a very different man than the one his friends knew. Even so, Jesus wasn’t fooled. The story of Judas teaches us that no one is immune to the insidious, corrosive power of secret sin.



Discovering the Way

1. Judas, the Trusted Disciple (Matthew 10:1, 4–10)
Judas was one of the Twelve who lived with Jesus and even maintained the group’s money.
2. Judas, the Expectant but Disappointed Disciple (John 6:14–15, 60, 66, 70–71; 12:4–6)
Judas expected Jesus to be crowned king, but when Jesus revealed a different plan, Judas became disillusioned.
3. Judas, the Possessed and Traitorous Disciple (Matthew 26:45–50; Luke 22:1–3)
Judas’s resentment and hatred grew into a plan — powered by Satan himself — to betray Jesus to those who wanted to kill Him.

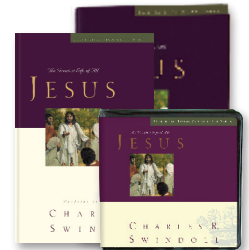


Starting Your Journey

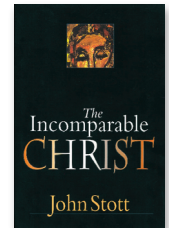
We can learn four lessons from the tragic life of Judas. First, association with godliness is no guarantee that we will become godly. Second, moral corruption in secret is more deadly than visible moral corruption. Third, Satan and his demons are looking for any opportunity to work against the Lord. Fourth, no sorrow can compare to the remorse of one who discovers too late that he or she has misunderstood Jesus and spurned His love.



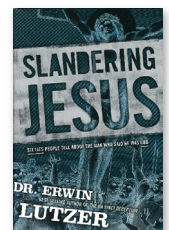
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