

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus (Matthew 26:14-16, Mark 14:10-11, Luke 22:3-6)

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- **Then one of the Twelve (in close connection with Jesus’ anointing – after his attack on Mary and Jesus – after his true heart is revealed – then he went ahead with his plan)**
- Then **one of the Twelve (one who had been hand selected by Jesus; one of Jesus’ intimate associates; an object of Jesus’ love and affection)**
- the one called **Judas Iscariot (his surname means ‘man of Kerioth’ in Judea)**
- went to the **chief priests (what a dastardly plan for such men!)**
- went to the chief priests (see Luke 22:3) **(Satan entered him, that is, suggested to him that now was a favorable time to carry out the deed he had already in mind)**
- see also Psalm 109:16-19 **(Judas’ motive = hatred for Jesus)**
- see also Acts 1:16,17,20 **(this also fulfilled Scripture)**

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- “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” **(brutally direct)**
- “What are you willing to give **me** if **I** hand him over to you?” **(what’s in it for ME?)**
- see Mark 14:11 **(the chief more than happy with the plan; solves their problem for them)**
- So **they** counted out for him thirty silver coins **(chief priests!!)**
- So they counted out for him **thirty silver coins** (see Zechariah 11:12-13) **(fulfilled prophecy)**
- So they counted out for him **thirty silver coins** (see Exodus 21:32) **(the price for a slave; they didn’t think much of Jesus; Judas didn’t get rich on the deal)**

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- From then on **(this is what consumes his thinking till it be done)**
- Judas watched for **an opportunity (Greek = a favorable, suitable time)**
- to hand him over **(this was his purpose in life from then on, to betray Jesus)**
- did God destine Judas to do this? did he HAVE TO do this? **(no, he also had a time of grace – but he rejected that time of grace and did the work of an unbeliever which God used for his saving purpose)**