

James, son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, Judas/Thaddaeus *Unknown Three Chosen of God*

I. Background of the Unknown Three

- A. We know next to _____ about these men
- B. But they experienced the _____ as the other apostles
 - 1. They were _____ as apostles by Christ
 - 2. They _____ Jesus after His resurrection
 - 3. They were _____ out by Christ in the great commission
 - 4. They were _____ by the early church
 - 5. They _____ great things in a relatively brief time
 - 6. They will be _____ by God in the New Jerusalem Rev. 21:10-14

II. Life & Growth while traveling with Christ

- A. James, son of Alphaeus
 - 1. Mentioned only in _____
 - 2. Could be _____ brother
- B. Simon the Zealot
 - 1. Zealots – factious group of men in Israel who were fanatically opposed to _____
 - 2. Being a Zealot tells us much about his _____ and level of _____ toward the spiritual
 - 3. Christ’s teaching _____ that of the Zealots
 - 4. Simon’s _____ was now directed toward _____ not a cause
- C. Judas/Thaddaeus/Lebbeus
 - 1. Three names – different gospel writers used different names

“He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest (Gk - _____) myself to him. ²²Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? ²³Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. ²⁴He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. ²⁵These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. ²⁶But the Comforter, which is the _____, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall _____ you all things, and bring all things to your _____, whatsoever I have said unto you.” John 14:21-26

2. Judas was recorded to speak once with Jesus’ amazing answer

III. Lessons from their lives

God will not _____ what we do to _____ His kingdom even though few people know who we are.

Judas Iscariot

Opportunist Loved by Christ

I. Background of Judas Iscariot

- A. “Iscariot” - _____ his home town – Kerioth
- B. Father’s name was _____

“For he was _____ with us, and had obtained _____ of this ministry.” Acts 1:17

- C. He was part of the _____ Jesus chose

“Then entered _____ into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the _____ of the twelve.” Luke 22:3

- D. Jesus knew all along that Judas would _____ him - John 2:25; John 6:66-71; John 13:2, 27; Mark 8:33; Luke 22:3

II. Life and Position while traveling with Jesus

“Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment. ⁴Then saith one

of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, ⁵ Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? ⁶ This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a _____, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein." John 12:3-6

A. Judas the _____

"Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a _____?" John 6:70

B. Judas the _____ - John 6:61-71

"When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. ²² Then the disciples looked one on another, _____ of whom he spake." John 13:21-22

C. Judas the _____

1. Jesus' popularity was weakening and with it the _____ flow

"Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, ¹⁵ And said unto them, What will ye _____ me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for _____ pieces of silver. ¹⁶ And from that time he sought _____ to betray him." Matthew 26:14-16

2. Judas perhaps realized he could make a quick _____, and slip away richer

"And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall _____, that same is he: hold him fast. ⁴⁹ And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, _____; and kissed him. ⁵⁰ And Jesus said unto him, _____, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus and took him." Matthew 26:47-50

3. Guaranteed _____ from Jesus' enemies

4. Jesus loved Judas _____ - John 13:1

"Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented (Gk - _____) himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, ⁴ Saying, I have _____ in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. ⁵ And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself." Matthew 27:3-5

5. Ends his life without seeking _____

III. Lessons from Judas Iscariot's Life

Jesus loved Judas unconditionally to the end. At any time Jesus would have gladly forgiven Judas and restored him to a useful position. No man or woman is too far gone for the grace of God not to be able to reach them and save them! Are you prepared to bring those in despair the truth of Christ's unconditional love and forgiveness?