



# 246 12 Ordinary Men

## lesson 2— judas iscariot

### I. 9 INCHES Away (the distance from your brain to your heart)

- A. Judas was raised in a religious family
  - \*His name means “Jehovah Leads”
- B. Judas was as CLOSE as you could possibly be to Jesus
  - 1. He was PHYSICALLY close
    - \*he was always at the right place at the right time, beside Jesus
  - 2. He was INTELLECTUALLY close
    - \*he knew all of Jesus’ teachings
- C. He LOOKED like all the other disciples (they never suspected him to be a traitor)
  - 1. When Jesus predicted His betrayal, no one imagined Judas (**Matthew 26:22-23**)
  - 2. When Jesus said “one of you is a devil”, no one imagined Judas (**John 6:70**)
- D. Judas gave his LIFE to Christ, but never gave his HEART
  - 1. After being raised by the scriptures, hearing Jesus’ teachings & following him daily, and hearing Jesus say one of them is “a devil”, Judas never applied the lessons from Christ
  - 2. Judas was the world’s worst HYPOCRITE, living a double-life
    - \*when “doing things for God”, he had selfish motives (**John 12:1-6**)
    - \*while planning to sell Jesus off for 30 pieces of silver, he let Jesus wash his feet
  - 3. Judas left behind a life of regrets, spending eternity in HELL and being forever known as “traitor”
    - \*His name appears last in every Biblical account (Acts, he is not mentioned at all)
    - \*Every mention of Judas name has the reference to him being a traitor
    - \*Read the last words about Judas in **Acts 1:18**

### II. So, what about me?

- A. Have you been walking the walk and talking the talk but never accepting Christ as your Savior?
- B. Have you been fooling everyone into thinking you are something you aren’t
- C. Do you realize that God can forgive anything? Jesus even called Judas “Friend” while He knew He was being betrayed. God can forgive anything and give a fresh start.

Verse for the Week: **Luke 13:23-27**

Take it Home: **I John 1:5-2:6**