

Judas Betrays Jesus

Luke 22:1-6

1 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. 2 The chief priests and the scribes were seeking how they might put Him to death; for they were afraid of the people. 3 And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve. 4 And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and officers how he might betray Him to them. 5 They were glad and agreed to give him money. 6 So he consented, and began seeking a good opportunity to betray Him to them apart from the crowd.

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Religion vs. Relationship

It's possible to profess belief in a religion...and still be used by the enemy!

Religious affiliation is NOT a relationship with God!

Without a saving relationship, people will pursue selfish desires.

Three areas of selfish desire that Judas and the religious leaders shared:

- 1) desire for money and material things
- 2) desire for prestige and recognition
- 3) desire for power and influence

Religion without relationship MAY create short term happiness...but WILL create eternal separation from God!