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JUDAS ISCARIOT REVEALED

Jesus knew at the “Last Supper” that it was Judas Iscariot who would betray Him. This was clearly revealed to everyone at the table.

Jesus had just said in Matthew 26:24b, **“...woe unto that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It had been good for that man had he not been born.”** An eternity in hell’s torment awaited Judas.

How did this come about? Judas had been one of the twelve disciples closest to Jesus. He had benefitted from three years of teaching, preaching, and witnessing many miracles. In fact, Judas was one of the twelve that Jesus had sent into the villages by pairs to heal the sick, cast out demons, and perform signs and wonders. Judas participated in all of that. On the surface, he presented an impressive resume’ as one of the upcoming apostles, however, Satan had sifted him. The love of money was his weakness, and Satan exploited that weakness. The other eleven disciples had no clue as to Judas’ apostate condition until the night of the last supper.

Just as the other eleven accepted Judas as one of them, so we may also accept many in our own churches as being true saints of God. We determine that by what we see of them and hear of them. We see and hear the external indications, but God knows their true heart. We are often dismayed when and if we see them turn entirely back to the world. In fact, we might never even see that happen. They may appear faithful all the way, but God is not fooled; He knows their true heart condition. We often cannot see it.

We must be careful who we let into our inner circles, including so-called fellow believers. Not everyone is what they appear to be. Let the Holy Spirit identify your inner circle, rather than choosing yourself whom you like or who you might think to be good.

We must rely upon the witness of the Holy Spirit. He is separating us from those that are not truly his. He can distinguish between a John or a Judas.