

## Small Group Questions | The Betrayer | Luke 22:1-6



This Sunday, Blaze unpacked the life of one of the Bible's most villainous characters, Judas Iscariot. We looked at a few scenes in scripture that shed light onto who he was, and what might have been going on in his heart. It's a tragic end to a wasted opportunity, but even so, we find that God uses the situation for His glory, and for the salvation of many. Use the questions below to discuss what may have been happening behind the scenes in the spiritual realm with Judas and Satan's role in this betrayal. Use God's word to help you wrestle with these ideas.

- What is one thing you learned about Judas Iscariot that struck you as interesting?
- **Mark 3:14-15** seems to include Judas in the mission of the disciples. Does it surprise you that someone in a position of leadership could become corrupt?
- What motives might Judas have had in leaving his old life to follow Jesus?
- If Satan is not omnipresent (able to be everywhere at once), it makes sense that he would be present at the last supper, closest to the most important person on earth. Do you think Satan knew that by killing the Son of God, it would be to his own demise? Could it be that the crucifixion and resurrection were cryptic in the Old Testament so that he wouldn't know?
- When Jesus flat out told the disciples that one of them would betray Him, does it surprise you that none of them knew who it would be? **Matthew 26** records them saying, "Surely not I, Lord?"
- **In John 12**, at the dinner with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, we find out that "*having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it.*" Do you think that John found this out later, or already knew the corrupt nature of Judas at that time? What could Judas have been doing with the money he stole?
- From what we see, Judas had greed in his heart. What might his life have looked like if he submitted it to the Lord after hearing the sermon on the mount in **Matthew 6:19-21**?
- Do you personally think there was any hope for Judas after his betrayal, or did the kiss seal his fate? What if he hadn't killed himself, but instead waited around for 3 more days, and witnessed the resurrected Lord?
- Jesus willingly went to the cross. We see that even with the schemes of the enemy, and the poor choices of the human will, God will still accomplish His purposes. Does this encourage you to trust in His plan despite what the circumstances may look like?