

"Warnings from Judas"

John 6:63-71

Introduction: I have been thinking about a message for several weeks now and this week it has finally come together. Before we get into the main part of the message, I want to give you a few things to consider.

a. Hell is real.

Luke 16:22-24

²² *And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;*

²³ *And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.*

²⁴ *And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.*

Revelation 9:1-2

And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

² *And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.*

b. The heart is deceitful and wicked.

Jeremiah 17:9

⁹ *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*

c. Many people will be deceived and they will perish.

Matthew 13:24-30

²⁴ *Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:*

²⁵ But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

²⁶ But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

²⁷ So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

²⁸ He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

²⁹ But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

The Lord Himself confirmed that there will be unbelievers mixed in with true believers until the end. What I want to do today is to show you how close someone can get to the Lord and yet never be saved. We will see this through the life of Judas.

➤ **Judas and the Lord**

❖ **He was chosen by the Lord.**

Notice John 6:65-71

Judas had been chosen by the Lord to be a disciple but Judas refused to believe on Jesus as the Redeemer. Judas walked with Jesus for three- and one-half years. He watched His miracles and he listened to His teaching. He had the absolute best Bible Teacher that has ever existed. But he never trusted in Jesus as his Savior. He was so close but yet he was so far away.

Application:

This is a warning to let people know that you can be under the teaching of the Word of God for years, you can see the Lord do great work in the lives of other people. You can associate with people who are true believers but if you do not exercise faith in Jesus Christ you are still lost in your sin and you are on a path directly to hell. **Religion will not save you.**

Let us notice another man who was close but lost.

Genesis 4:3-8

³ *And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.*

⁴ *And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:*

⁵ *But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.*

⁶ *And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?*

⁷ *If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.*

⁸ *And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.*

Cain came to the right place at the right time with an offering. He talked to God and was warned by God. He saw his brother's offering accepted by God. But Cain was not saved.

Now let us get back to Judas and consider a question.

❖ **Why did Jesus choose Judas?**

He was chosen because he was the fulfillment of Scripture.

Psalms 41:9

⁹ *Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.*

John 13:18-19

¹⁸ *I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.*

¹⁹ *Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.*

Judas was never saved but his life spoke of how Jesus was the Promised Redeemer. His life confirmed the Truth of Scripture.

❖ **He served the Lord.**

Matthew 10:1-4, 7-8

And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

² *Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;*

³ *Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;*

⁴ *Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.*

⁷ *And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

⁸ *Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.*

Application:

You may serve the Lord and do many wonderful things in the church but that will not save you.

Matthew 7:21-23

²¹ *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*

²² *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?*

²³ *And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you:** depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

Just because you belong to a church and just because you serve does not mean you are saved.

❖ **Trusted by the disciples.**

Mark 14:17-19

¹⁷ And in the evening he cometh with the twelve.

¹⁸ And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me.

¹⁹ And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I?

Not one of the 11 suspected Judas. He had fooled every one of them. Let me show you one more thing.

John 13:29

²⁹ For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.

Conclusion:

What happened? Did he lose his salvation? Absolutely not! His heart had deceived him!

Application:

What about you? Are you saved? Has your heart deceived you? You may come here and listen to the Word of God, associate with the right people, and even serve the Lord to some extent. But if you have never made a decision to repent and accept Jesus Christ as your Savior you are lost! You can be so close but yet so far away.