

What Happened to Judas?

Just how did an inspired apostle
become so discouraged in his soul
that he allowed his faith to fail?

The dangers of discouragement

- Discouragement can and does rob God's people of our God-given spiritual assets.
- Remember Lot, 2Peter 2. 6-8
- Lot was oppressed and tormented by the filthy conduct of the wicked.
- Discouragement converts the faith and the joy we ought have into an ungodly realm of negativity and non-productivity.
- It is a silent killer of man's faith.

- **While Lot shows us how easy it is to become discouraged with the world around us, Peter shows us how easily we can become discouraged with ourselves, Luke 22. 55-62.**
- **Now let's talk about Judas.**
- **Mark 3. 13-35.**
- **Christ taught Judas about forgiveness, v28.**
- **Did God forgive David? And how many other OT characters?**
- **And He also taught Judas about love, v34.**
- **Luke 22. 1-6**
- **Luke 22. 47-51**

- **Matthew 27. 1-5**
- **Judas confronts his own sin.**
- **So distraught was he that he ended his own life.**
- **In two powerful cases, Peter and Judas, both at the very time Jesus would surrender his life, show the dangers of sin leading to discouragement.**
- **The ultimate difference is, Judas gave up too early.**
- **If he had struggled through another day, he would have witnessed the crucifixion. And then the resurrection.**
- **Had he given God the time to witness the resurrection, he might have had the faith to seek and receive forgiveness.**

5 ways to beat discouragement

1) Remember Jesus

While it's impossible not to be discouraged from time to time, we are taught not to become discouraged to the point of falling away, He. 12. 1-3.

2) Pray

Luke 18. 1: Men always ought to pray and not lose heart.

3) Remember Heaven

Psalm 27. 11-14

- **4) Remember what discouragement has the potential to cost us, Acts 1. 15-20**
- **This is the final time Judas' name is mentioned in scripture.**
- **His legacy is one of failure.**
 - **5) Stay busy in the kingdom**
- **1Samuel 15. 35-16. 1**