

John 13:26-27

WHY DID JUDAS BETRAY JESUS

First, although Judas was chosen to be one of the Twelve the devil had already put it in Judas' heart to betray Jesus previous to this ([John 13:2](#))

Judas is a thief previous to this ([John 12:6](#))

All scriptural evidence points to the fact that Judas never believed Jesus to be God. [John 6:64](#)),

Unlike the other disciples that called Jesus "Lord," Judas never used this title for Jesus and instead called him "Rabbi," which acknowledged Jesus as nothing more than a teacher. [John 6:68](#);

The same holds true for us. If we fail to recognize Jesus as God incarnate, and therefore the only One who can provide forgiveness for our sins—and the eternal salvation that comes with it—we will be subject to numerous other problems that stem from a wrong view of God.

Second, Judas not only lacked faith in Christ, but he also had little or no personal relationship with Jesus. When the synoptic gospels list the Twelve, they are always listed in the same general order with slight variations.

Judas is always listed last, which may indicate his relative lack of a personal relationship with Christ. ([Matthew 10:2-4](#);

Additionally, the only documented dialogue between Jesus and Judas involves Judas being rebuked by Jesus. His greed-motivated remark to Mary ([John 12:1-8](#)), Judas' denial of his betrayal ([Matthew 26:25](#)), and the betrayal itself ([Luke 22:48](#)).

There are a few Old Testament verses that point to the betrayal,

Old Testament prophecies indicate that Judas' betrayal was known to God and that it was sovereignly planned beforehand as the means by which Jesus would be killed. [Zechariah 11:12-13](#) [Psalm 41:9](#) [Matthew 27:3-5](#)

Satan, too, had a part in this, as we see in [John 13:26-27](#),

Satan disguises himself as an angel of light," it means that Satan capitalizes on our love of the light in order to deceive. He wants us to think that he is good, truthful, loving, and powerful – all the things that God is. [2 Corinthians 11:14](#)

How can we discern which light is of God and which light is of Satan? Our minds and hearts are easily confused by conflicting messages. How can we make sure we are on the right path? [1 John 4:1-5](#) [Psalm 119](#)

Satan presents sin to us as something pleasing and beautiful to be desired, and he presents false teaching as enlightening and life changing. Millions follow his deceptions simply because they do not know God's truth. [2 Thessalonians 2:11](#) [Isaiah 8:20-22](#)