

Matthew 10:1-4

**BIOGRAPHY:**

1. **Son of Simon.** John 13:2.
2. **Perhaps from Kerioth.** Joshua 15:21, 25. This may be the significance of Iscariot. A label shared by his father. John 13:26. Apparently, all the other apostles were Galilean.
3. **Great hope.** Judas was a great name. Judah. Judas Maccabaeus. Matthew 13:55. Luke 6:16 (Thaddaeus). Acts 15:22.
4. **Highly respected.** "He was counted among us and received his share in this ministry" (Acts 1:16). "He had the money box" (John 12:6). John 13:21-22, 27-30.
5. **Constant companion.** Acts 1:21-22.
6. **Miracle worker.** Mark 3:13-15, 16-19; 6:7-13.
7. **Thief.** John 12:4-6.
8. **Betrayer.** Matthew 26:3-5, 6-13, 14-16, 47-50. Luke 22:48.
9. **Remorseful.** Matthew 27:3-10; Acts 1:16-19.
10. **Doomed.** Matthew 26:24; John 17:12; Acts 1:24-25.



**APPLICATIONS:**

1. **Who knows why.** There are widely divergent opinions about why Judas did what he did. To me, none of the theories completely satisfy. The bottom line is we don't know why, and short of eternity, we never will. Asking and seeking to discover why people do what they do certainly has some utility, but at some point it becomes a useless, if not counterproductive, waste of time.
2. **How could he? The same way we can!** There are traitors among us. It's not enough to associate with the truth, we must let it permeate our thoughts, motives, words, and deeds.
3. **Jesus knows.** Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:14-16.
4. **It's not really about the poor.** John 12:4-6. Like Judas, people often use noble things as masks for ignoble pursuits. "It may be the horse he rode out on, but it's not the reason he left town."
5. **Judas could have been forgiven.** Even Judas wasn't too wicked to be forgiven. Consider Peter and Paul.
6. **It's not enough to be sorry.** 2 Corinthians 7:8-11.
7. **It was a choice, not a destiny.** Divine foreknowledge does not mean predestination. John 6:64, 70-71.
8. **Unconditional love.** Jesus always knew what Judas would do and always loved him nonetheless. John 13:10-11.
9. **The indwelling of Satan.** Luke 22:3; John 13:27. Matthew 16:23.
10. **It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.** Matthew 26:24; 2 Peter 2:20-22.
11. **We'll go where we belong.** Acts 1:25.