

Who Is “The Son of Perdition?”

So those you have trusted most have taught you that Judas is “the son of perdition.” Don’t feel alone; my trusted religious mentors taught me that, too. They had heard it from their religious mentors...who also got it by word of mouth from people they trusted. Where did they get it? Well...you know.

- ♦ “In religion and politics, people’s beliefs and convictions are in almost every case gotten at second hand, and without examination.” —Samuel Clemens, a.k.a. Mark Twain

The fact is that if Judas were “the son of perdition” no one would be able to connect some really critical scriptural “dots,” e.g.: the end-time sequence of events. If “connecting the dots” is as important to you as it has become to me, then you will want to pay very close attention to what follows, here:



There is just one person whose character and mindset are a unique match for Scriptural characterizations of “the son of perdition:”

- ♦ “For thou [**Lucifer**] hath said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.” —Isaiah 14:13,14
- ♦ “Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and **that man of sin** be revealed, **the son of perdition [Lucifer]**; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, **shewing himself that he is God.**” —Paul, at 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4

But what about Judas? Many Bible “experts” (especially those who preach the gospel of John Calvin) teach that Judas is “the son of perdition.” Those who study to understand what the Bible really says soon learn that Judas repented!

- ♦ “Then **Judas**, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, **REPENTED himself**, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders...and he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and **hanged himself**. And **the chief priests took the silver pieces...and bought with them the potter’s field**...Wherefore that field was called, **The field of blood**, unto this day.” —Matthew 27:3-8

Judas threw the 30 pieces of silver onto the temple floor. The chief priests used it to buy a potter’s field, where Judas died. A suicide hanging? Sounds unlikely! See Acts 1:18,19, below, for another take:

- ♦ “Now this man [Judas] purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and **falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out**. And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem, insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue Aceldema, that is to say, **The field of blood.**” —Acts 1:18

The truth probably lies at a point between these two versions of the story. It is clear that Judas did not buy the potter’s field, as is reported at Acts 1:18,19. But if Judas death was a suicide hanging, then why does Acts 1:18,19 say that he plunged headlong into the potter’s field and his bowels gushed out? That is not consistent with a suicide hanging. Putting those two versions of the story together, in favor of a more likely scenario, I have concluded this: (1) The chief priests bought the potter’s field, (2) took Judas there and then either (3) threw him onto the rocks of the field or hanged him and used a sharp instrument to slit his abdomen, so that his bowels gushed out. All we know for certain is that **Judas repented!** Smile broadly and then embrace our brother, Judas, when you see him in Heaven!

Have you ever betrayed Jesus?

- ♦ “Verily I say unto you, all sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men [except Judas?], and blasphemies wherewithsoever they blaspheme: But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness...” —Jesus, at Mark 3:28,29
- ♦ “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” [unless your name is Judas?] —1 John 1:9

As surely as you are reading this, some pious person (probably a fan of the gospel of John Calvin) will tell you that it can’t be true. That person will likely direct you to this:

- ♦ “...those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, save the son of perdition...” —Jesus, praying to the Father, at John 17:12

This may help:

- ♦ “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” —John 1:1

Jesus was with the Father eternally before his 12 earthly disciples were born. Clearly, the Father had “given” him Lucifer. Of those given to Jesus, only Satan, the son of perdition is lost. **Bank it.**

(There are substantial additional rationale to support these conclusions. They qualify as scriptural “meat,” though. We will publish them later—in an extensive scholarly research paper entitled “Genesis, Chapters 1–9.”)

