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### HIS BACKGROUND

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  - Iscariot has been linked to the town of Queriot or Kerioth, which is south of Jerusalem
  - If this is true, this makes Judas the "odd man out," since the rest of the disciples were from the region of Galilee (far north of Jerusalem)
- There is no Biblical record of how or when he joined the disciples

### HIS DEATH

- After his attempts at returning the blood money to the religious leaders were unsuccessful, Judas hanged himself (Matthew 27:5)
- With the 30 pieces of silver, a field was bought to bury him and other strangers in, and was given the name "Field of Blood" (Matthew 27:6-8; Acts 1:18-19)
- Was replaced as a disciple by a man named Matthias (Acts 1:21-26)

### LESSONS FROM HIS LIFE

- Judas serves as an example of where greed, pride, and deceit can take us
- Jesus still loved him, knowing what he was going to do
  - If Judas had confessed and been repentant, Jesus would have forgiven him, the same way that He forgives all of us if we ask for it (1 John 1:8-9)

### AS A DISCIPLE

- He is listed with the other disciples in the Bible in a few places, including Mark 3:14-19, Matthew 10:2-4, and Luke 6:13-16
- Was given the role of treasurer for the disciples; however, he proved to be dishonest (John 12:6)
- On one occasion when Jesus, His 12 disciples, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were all eating together, Mary anointed Jesus' feet with some very expensive oil
  - When Judas saw this, he protested that the oil should have been sold and the money given to the poor (John 12:5)
  - John goes on to explain that Judas didn't *really* care about the poor. He was more interested in the money that oil was worth (John 12:6)

### JESUS' BETRAYAL

- Met with the religious leaders to conspire to betray Jesus
  - The leaders conferred and told Judas they'd give him 30 pieces of silver for Jesus (Matthew 26:14-16)
    - This was the same as the purchase price of a slave
- We don't know what prompted his decision to betray Jesus, although it could have been greed
  - Luke suggests Satan "entered him" and caused him to do it (Luke 22:3), indicating that he was open to acting upon sinful motivations
- Fulfilled the prophecy foretold by the prophet Zechariah (Zechariah 11:12-13)
- At the end of the Last Supper, Jesus explained that He would be betrayed by one of the disciples, specifically the person who dipped their hand into the dish with Him (Matthew 26:21-23)
  - Jesus revealed Judas as His betrayer (Matthew 26:25; John 13:27)
- Betrayed Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane with a kiss (Matthew 26:48; Luke 22:48)
- After realizing what he had done, Judas tried to return the 30 pieces of silver to the religious leaders, only to be rejected (Matthew 27:4)

### WHAT ABOUT "THE GOSPEL OF JUDAS"?

- The "Gospel of Judas" is an extrabiblical account written in Greek during the early centuries after Jesus' death
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