

And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles: ¹⁴ Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; ¹⁵ Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; ¹⁶ Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.

Luke 6:12-19

Judas and I



➤ Don't ignore the warning signs

- Judas knew he had a problem in advance of his precipitous fall (John 12:5-6)
- Judas had heard and seen so many lessons that should have helped redirect him
 - *“You cannot serve God and mammon”* (Lk. 16:13); *“Where your treasure is there will your heart be also”* (Mt. 6:19-21); *“Be content with your wages”* (Luke 3:14); Rich man and Lazarus (Lk. 16); Rich fool (Lk. 12) Etc.
- Egregious things come at the end of unmitigated desires (Mt. 26:14-16)
- God sends us “wake up calls” (Amos 4:6-12)

Judas and I



- Don't ignore the warning signs
- **Don't let Satan get too close**
 - Judas allowed Satan to access his heart despite Jesus' humility displayed toward him (John 13:1-4)
 - We are to give no opportunity to the devil (Eph. 4:27)
 - Don't let the devil take advantage of you (2 Cor. 2:11)
 - Proactive and preventative steps need to be taken (Acts 19)

Judas and I



- Don't ignore the warning signs
- Don't let Satan get too close
- **Don't become exasperated**
 - There was still opportunity for change even after the worst was done (Mt. 27:1-10)
 - Shame and sorrow must lead to repentance (2 Cor. 7)
 - We must respond like Peter and not Judas

Judas and I

- Don't ignore the warning signs
- Don't let Satan get too close
- Don't become exasperated
- **Don't play the blame game**
 - Someone else's fault
 - The devil made me do it
 - God put me in that position

