

John 13:18

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Think about [Luke 6:12-16](#).

In these days he (Jesus) went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, ... and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

- Did Jesus know that Judas Iscariot would deliver him up to the Jews, who wanted to kill Jesus?

Consider [John 6:70-71](#). *Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil." He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him.*

Think about [John 13:18-20](#).

(Jesus said) "I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

- When Jesus said, "whoever receives the one I send receives me", was he speaking of all his apostles? Which one was he not speaking about?
- About 1000 years before Jesus was born, David the king of Israel, wrote this prophecy about the Messiah: "Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me." ([Psalm 41:9](#)) What did Jesus say about this Scripture? (See John 13:18-20 quoted above.)
- What is true of anyone who receives to themselves one whom Jesus sends? (See John 13:18-20 quoted above.)
- Who has Jesus sent? Who sent Jesus?
Consider [John 20:19-21](#). *On the evening of ... the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ... The disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them ... "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."*

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Think about [John 13:21-30](#).

After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. ... Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." ... So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

- What was the moral character of Judas Iscariot before he betrayed Jesus?
Consider [John 12:3-6](#). *Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it.*
- What was Judas Iscariot planning to do while he was pretending to be a disciple of Jesus? For what reason did he betray Jesus?
Consider [Matthew 26:14-16](#). *Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him (Jesus) over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.*
- What did Jesus say about Judas Iscariot?
Consider [Matthew 26:21-25](#). *And as they were eating, he (Jesus) said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ... The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."*
- Based on his deeds, what do we know about Judas Iscariot?
Consider [1John 3:8-10](#). *Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. ... By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.*