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Mark 10:32-34

Mark 10:35-45

*Jesus has avoided Jerusalem for awhile and then finally makes His way back there – including a very visible & vocal entrance – but as days drag on, nothing happens. Then the disciples ask Jesus an important question; and an even more important answer. **Read Luke 21.***

***Jesus indicated that the kingdom wasn't going to arrive yet and that many terrible things were going to happen before that time. Could this have been the turning point for Judas? Read the next verses, 22:1-6**

*Read **John 12:1-11.** What insight do we have here about Judas that the disciples were ignorant of at the time?*

Judas was present when Jesus performed many miracles. He would have saw lepers cleansed whole, people who never walked, walk; people blind from birth, see; the Gadarene demoniac made sane; the feedings of the 5000 & 4000 and Jesus calm the storm and walk on water. On top of that what else did he do himself?

Luke 9:1-10

***If Scripture helps us interpret Scripture, how does the Judas narrative help us understand Heb. 6:4-12?**

“Judas: What Went Wrong?”

“Then Jesus replied, “Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!” ⁷¹ (He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him).” [John 6:70-71]

The Judas narrative is a difficult one for believers to wrestle with. Jesus chose him to be one of “the 12” and yet he betrayed Jesus. While we often discuss theological issues around Judas (was he saved? Did he lose his salvation? Did he even have a choice?, etc.) perhaps it would be more beneficial to examine him as someone who associates themselves with Jesus for awhile only to choose not to later on. From that perspective, there have been (and continue to be) many Judases who follow Jesus for a period of time only to abandon Him at some point.

Judas Was Initially Drawn to Jesus

*Why did people follow Jesus at all? What attracted them to Him? **Read these passages in Matthew***

4:17 “From that time on Jesus began to preach, “ _____, for the _____ of heaven is near.”

4:23 “Jesus went throughout Galilee, _____ in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the _____, and healing every _____ and _____ among the people.

4:24 “News about him spread _____ Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe _____, the _____-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he _____ them.

4:25 “ _____ crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.”

7:28-29 “ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were _____ at his teaching, because he taught as one who had _____, and not as their teachers of the law.”

What kind of expectations were there about ‘the kingdom’?

Matt. 16:15-20, 28

Matt. 17:1-3; 18:1

Matt. 20:20-22

Luke 9:51-55

John 6:14-15

Mark 11:9-11

Acts 1:3-6

***Now, imagine you’re one of the 12, what do you think at the time that it meant to be one of Jesus’ 12 disciples? What are you hoping for?**

Judas Left ‘All’ to Follow Jesus

Judas is usually referred to as ...

Mark 2:19 Judas _____

“Ish” - _____

“Kerioth” - _____ Kerioth (30 miles south of _____),

Near H _____ near the south west corner of the

D _____

The other 11 disciples seem to be all from _____

***If most of Jesus’ ministry took place in Galilee, whose home was farther away than anyone else’s?**

***Do we know if the disciples ever disagreed or argued?**

***Were there any social clashes within the Jews themselves based on their tribal history?**

***Thinking of Israel’s history and Judas’ name, what kind of expectations did his parents have for him?**

What was Judas’ role among the 12?

John 13:29

***What does this tell us about his background?**

Judas, from Follower to Betrayer

Jesus preached about the coming kingdom of God that His 12 would be part of that will eventually put Jesus as King of the world. However, Jesus also taught other things about His kingdom that may not have set well with power-seekers.

Mark 10:13-16

Mark 10:17-31