

## **THE HOUR OF DARKNESS**

### **LUKE 22:52**

52 Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves?

### **LUKE 22:53**

53 When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

## **LIGHTFOOT SAYS IT THIS WAY**

**[*This is your hour, and the power of darkness.*]** The serpent himself is now come in Judas; and the seed of the serpent was that root that came with him, to whom it was fatal to bruise the heel of the Messiah; and now was the hour for that wickedness.

### **MATTHEW 26:6**

6 ¶ Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

### **MATTHEW 26:7**

7 There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat.

### **MATTHEW 26:8**

8 But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste?

### **JOHN 12:4**

4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,

### **JOHN 12:5**

5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

**JOHN 12:6**

6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; **but because he was a thief**, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

**LUKE 22:2**

2 And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people.

**LUKE 22:3**

3 Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

**LUKE 22:4**

4 And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.

**LUKE 22:5**

5 And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money.

**MATTHEW 26:10**

10 When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a **\*GOOD** work upon me.

**GOOD:** kalos {kal-os'}

beautiful, excellent, choice, precious, beautiful to look at, Good, excellent in its nature and characteristics, and therefore well adapted to its ends;

**MATTHEW 26:11**

11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.

**MATTHEW 26:12**

12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial.

**MARK 10:33**

33 Saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles:

**MARK 10:34**

34 And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.

**MATTHEW 26:12**

12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it **for my burial.**

**MATTHEW 26:13**

13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

**MATTHEW 26:14**

14 ¶ Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,

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.....You will note here that Judas was one of those who were casting out devils in Jesus' Name, but we know that he was a devil, the son of perdition.

John 6:70-71,

"Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray Him, being one of the twelve."

John 17:12,

"While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy Name: those that Thou gavest Me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition: that the Scripture might be fulfilled."

.....Now if language means anything at all we must admit that Judas was chosen by Jesus (John 13:18), yet he was not clean. (John 13:10-11), Judas was also given to Jesus by the Father. John 17:12. (Let it be noted here that the "choosing" and giving is the exact parallel as in the illustration of Moses and Pharaoh, Jacob and Esau, for though Esau and Pharaoh were both fore-known, they were predestinated to wrath, while the end of Moses and Jacob was glorification. I Peter 2:8-9a shows both reprobates and elect "even to them which stumble at the Word, being disobedient: where-unto also they were appointed. But Ye are a chosen generation.") Judas was numbered with the twelve and actually had a part with them in the ministry previous to Pentecost.

Acts 1:16-17,

"Men and brethren, this Scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry."

The part that Judas obtained amongst the twelve and then lost was neither inferior to the ministries of the other eleven, nor was it a devilish foreign ministry interjected amongst the ministries of the others.

Acts 1:25,

"That he may take part of this ministry and apostle-ship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place."

Judas, a devil, lost a God-given Holy Ghost ministry, and killed himself and WENT TO HIS OWN PLACE. His name was even in the Book of Life. But his name was blotted out.

### **MATTHEW 26:14**

14 ¶ Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,

### **MATTHEW 26:15**

15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

### **MATTHEW 26:16**

16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

### **MATTHEW 27:1**

1 ¶ When the morning was come, all the **chief priests** and **elders** of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:

### **MATTHEW 27:2**

2 And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

### **MATTHEW 27:3**

3 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 elders,

The Greek word translated "repented himself" indicates, not a sorrow for sin that leads to a change of mind and action, but a regret at being caught, a remorse that leads to despair. Peter truly repented, and Jesus restored him. But Judas did not repent, and this led him to suicide.

### **MATTHEW 27:4**

4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

### **MATTHEW 27:5**

5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

### **MATTHEW 27:6**

6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

**MATTHEW 27:7**

7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

**MATTHEW 27:8**

8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

**MATTHEW 27:9**

9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

**ZECHARIAH 11:12**

12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.

**ZECHARIAH 11:13**

13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

**MATTHEW 27:10**

10 And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.