

Sermon – March 26, 2010
Topic – The Mean & Nasty JUDAS

Song – You Are Amazing – No Singing (no words)

Welcome:

Songs:

- My Redeemer Lives
- King of the Ages
- Once Again
- Hallelujah To My King

Announcements:

- Next Week's Sermon - JUDAS

Sermon:

Tonight's Sermon is About a Certain Person... Can You Guess Who?

- Show picture of last supper
- Who is it?
- What is he holding? Money Bag
- Judas – well done.

Before We Get There – Review Last few Weeks

- 2 Weeks Ago... The Prayer of Review, Examen
- 1 Week Ago... Peacemakers – Making Amends with Others

As The Last Few Weeks – Today Is Practical

- I'm giving you tools and ideas that you will be able to use to draw close to Christ
- These things if implemented will make a tremendous difference for you.

A Few Years Ago

- We were going to Emu park for a picnic and we drove down lakes Creek Road and over the railway lines through the Abbatoir – the Cattle Slaughter House and Meatworks.
- Describe the white "judas cow" and it's job.
- I have never forgotten this cow.

Judas was:

- One of the 12 disciples
- Chosen by Jesus
- He was in charge of the money
- He organised many things – a kind of administrator
- He had a perception of being a good man.

At the last supper

- Jesus announces that one of them will betray him
- John 13:18-30
- They thought so much of Judas that they thought he was going to give to the poor
- They never once suspected Him

So Imagine This:

- You have been working all day long and you go home to your house and you find it has been burgled. A number of important items are missing.
- You call the Police and they come and do a report, but they are unable to find any substantial clues
- You become rather concerned and decide to install a full security system.
- You contract a friend who has a security company to help you out
- He installs a good quality system for you at a reasonable price and you feel well protected
- About a month later you are due to take family holidays and you pack up your family and go, content knowing that all your possessions are safe.
- When you return from your holiday you find your house is stripped bare, not a single piece of furniture is left – the house is entirely empty.
- The security system is working properly and the alarm goes off when you enter the house to prove it.
- You call the Police again who ask key questions
- Eventually you locate your stolen possessions ... at your friends house.

Every Single One of us Have a Judas

- This Judas is inside of us
- It seems to be good but it leads us away from Jesus
- It is in our feelings and in the things we love
- It feels good, feels right, seems OK and it betrays us because it keeps us from Christ

Proverbs 14:12

- There is a way that seems right to a man, but it leads to death
- Very simply – you can feel alright about yourself – but you can be in trouble and not even realise it. Your thoughts and feelings may betray you.
- Jesus may speak the truth and declare things wrong – but you still don't even notice.

Jeremiah 17:9

- In other words – our hearts trick us

What is the Cure

- The truth is the cure

So Jesus is on Trial

- John 33:18-30
- Pilate asks 'what is the truth'
- Jesus said previously in John 14: "I am the way, the truth and the life"

In Summary

- The truth is Jesus
- Jesus came to testify to the truth
- All who want the truth listen to Jesus
- If we listen to our own heart we are deceived – it is a Judas
- What we want and desire leads us away from God
- The only antidote is to draw closer to Jesus and seek Him

To Help

- [A spiritual audit sheet](#)
- Complete this sheet at home in your own time
- See how far from God you really are – this will help you to see that your heart deceives you
- You will see your fresh need for God again.

Pray Over Everyone: