

One Step Behind Jesus: Judas' Open Door

Luke 22:1-6

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Unchecked sin gives Satan
influence over us!

"Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people.

Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus.

They were delighted and agreed to give him money.

He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present."

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- ▶ Judas **allowed** Satan to gain **influence** in his life.
- ▶ Sin always **leads** to death.

Are there any doors
in your life
open to Satan's influence?



By now you have discovered that all roads do not lead to God, and life is not as simple as you once thought. For those who are at this crossroad, the Bible offers a new direction, one filled with purpose, fulfillment, and acceptance. The steps are simple:

1. Recognize that you're a sinner.

You must admit your spiritual need. *"There is none righteous, no, not one."* (Romans 3:10). We can't make excuses or blame others for our actions. *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* (Romans 3:23).

2. Recognize that Jesus Christ died on the cross for you.

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God..." (1 Peter 3:18). Jesus paid the price for your sin. The apostle Paul said, *"...the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."* (Galatians 2:20).

3. Repent of your sins.

The word "repent" means "to change your direction." The Bible tells us, *"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."* (Acts 3:19). God commands us to repent. You must be willing to turn away from the things that displease God.

4. Accept Jesus as your Savior.

Jesus said, *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11:28). It is essential to come to Jesus just as you are. Don't try to "clean up your life" before you come to God. Instead, receive Him and allow Him to do the "cleansing." Jesus said, *"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, And the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out."* (John 6:37).

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