

Why Did Judas Do It?

“ Judas betrayed Jesus because, from his perspective, Jesus betrayed him! “**Iscariot**” comes from the name “**Sicarii**,” who were assassins associated with the **Zealots**. Judas expected Jesus to be a military messiah who would throw off the shackles of Rome and not only liberate Israel but bring it back to prominence. When Jesus did not fulfill Judas’s expectation, he was all too willing to betray Him. ”

A couple of radio guys (paraphrased)

Judas Was a Zealot?

◆ The Sicarii

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A *sica* was a small, curved sword which could be easily concealed and quickly used even in the midst of a crowd. The original mission of the *sicarii* was to assassinate Roman officials; but they later attacked Jews who disagreed with their philosophy or methods.

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C. G. “Colly” Caldwell.

Truth Commentaries – Luke, 2011, Kindle loc. 7331

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[A.D. 59.] Upon Festus's coming into Judea, it happened, that Judea was afflicted by the robbers: while all the villages were set on fire, and plundered by them. And then it was that the **Sicarii**, as they were called, who were robbers, grew numerous. ...

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Titus Flavius Josephus.

Antiquities of the Jews, Book XX, chapter 8, §10

Judas Was a Zealot?

- ◆ The Sicarii

- ◆ From Kerioth

Judas Was a Zealot?

John 6:71

He spoke of Judas **Is**cariot, the son of **Simon**

... or perhaps rather ...

He spoke of Judas, the son of **Simon Is**cariot

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Look, I believe in free will, but it seems to me that anyone who did what Judas did would never have acted on his own. He was possessed or something! **If there was a single person in history who was not acting of his own free will, surely it was Judas!**

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Anonymous brother in Bible class (paraphrased)

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Then **Satan entered Judas**, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them.

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Luke 22:1–4 NKJV

Judas Was Possessed?

◆ The Bible and Free Will

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Looking for free will in the Bible is like looking for gravity: **it's assumed everywhere and holds everything together**, so you probably won't notice it until it's missing and you float away.

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Austin Fischer, Scot McKnight.

Young, Restless, No Longer Reformed: Black Holes, Love, and a Journey In and Out of Calvinism

Judas Was Possessed?

- ◆ The Bible and Free Will
- ◆ What Possession Looks Like
- ◆ God and Jesus Making Their Home with Us

Judas's Real Motive

- ◆ The Evidence
- ◆ The Danger