

Luke Lesson 31 Handout

1 John 2:19 (AMP)

¹⁹They went out from our number, but they did not [really] belong to us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us. But [they withdrew] that it might be plain that they all are not of us.

Luke 9:22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day."

John 12:3-6

³Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, said,

⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor people?"

⁶Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.

Matthew 26:14 Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests

¹⁵and said, "What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?" And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him.

¹⁶From then on he began looking for a good opportunity to betray Jesus.

John 6:70 (NASB95)

⁷⁰Jesus answered them, "Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?"

"Judas was counted as a follower of Christ but was lost. He was baptized and yet he was lost. He preached the Gospel and yet was lost. He was trusted by all who knew him, [save Jesus], and yet he was lost! It is a terrible thing to go to Hell from anywhere, but what [sorrow] remorse must be the portion of those who go to Hell from the church." [John R. Rice. "Judas Iscariot" Sword of the Lord. July 27, 1973. p. 13]

While writing *Religion Saves*, my family and I hosted dinner and a house party for the mainly young guys who work in one of the departments at our church. At one point in the evening I found myself sitting in the living room having a discussion about a theological issue with maybe a dozen young men in their 20s.

A few years prior, nearly all of them were single but living with and sleeping with women, looking at porn, drinking too much, and acting immaturely. The difference between their past and their present life is solely due to the fact that God has changed them through Jesus' cross and the Spirit's indwelling, and they will never be the same. The changes in their life are evidence that they are now connected to the living God of the Bible, and had I seen no change, I would have been hard-pressed to believe that they had become Christians. Why? **Because you cannot meet Jesus without changing.** MARK DRISCOLL

Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)

²looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...

Philip Yancey says this:

Fidelity (devotion, commitment) involves learning to trust that, out beyond the perimeter of fog, God still reigns and has not abandoned us – no matter how it appears.

Rabbi Abraham Heschel says this :“Faith like Job’s cannot be shaken because it is the result of having been shaken.”

Douglas: If we develop a relationship with God apart from our life circumstances then we may be able to hang on when the physical reality breaks down. We can learn to trust God despite all the unfairness of life.

For all the men in the Bible each one held on to God despite the hardships and in doing so they moved from a “contract faith” I’ll follow God if he treats me well – to a relationship that says even if I’m not treated well I will still follow Him.

Our biggest trials in life can become our biggest blessing if we allow it to push us closer to God.

Hebrews 11:32–40 (NASB95)

³²And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,

³³who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,

³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

³⁵Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection;

³⁶and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment.

³⁷They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated

Matthew 27:3–5 (NASB95)

³Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

⁴saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to that yourself!"

⁵And he threw the pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself.