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## Jesus Chose a Devil

John 6:70-71

### I. A Warning Concerning Religious Hypocrisy and the Necessity of Saving Faith

A. Judas had the right \_\_\_\_\_ (Mk. 3:16-19)

B. Judas had the right \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 12:6; 13:29)

C. Judas had the right \_\_\_\_\_ (Lk. 9:1-6)

### II. An Understanding of Divine Sovereignty and the Prophetic Nature of Scripture

A. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ everything we experience, even betrayal (Heb. 4:15)

B. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ most graciously to His betrayer (Jn. 13:21-27; Matt. 26:50)

C. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ that Scripture could never be broken (Jn. 13:16-19; 17:12; Matt. 26:20-25)

### III. A Reminder of the Personal Responsibility of Sin and its Deadly Consequences

A. Who was responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ evil decisions? (Jn. 12:4-6; Matt. 26:14-16; Lk. 22:47-48; Matt. 27:3-5; Acts 1:18)

B. Who is responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ evil decisions? (Isa. 53:6)

#### TAKE HOME

##### HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

“How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said—  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?”

“Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My gracious, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with thee thy trouble to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not harm thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus doth lean for repose,  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

## STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 6:70-71. Were you surprised to see the positive qualities that were listed about Judas? (Mk. 3:16-19; Jn. 12:6; 13:29; and Lk. 9:1-6) How is it possible for someone to have so many things right and yet be so wrong?

2. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus truly did experience everything we experience? (Heb. 4:15) What can we learn about how Jesus responded to Judas? (Jn. 13:21-27; Matt. 26:50)

3. Read Jn. 13:16-19; 17:12; and Matt. 26:20-25. What is the central clear reason given in these passages of why Jesus chose Judas as one of His disciples? What do you think about this reason?

4. Who was responsible for Judas’ evil decisions? What did those decisions eventually lead to? (Jn. 12:4-6; Matt. 26:14-16; Lk. 22:47-48; Matt. 27:3-5; Acts 1:18)

5. Who is responsible for your evil decisions? (Isa. 53:6) How can we be warned and challenged when we look at the life of Judas? How can we be encouraged knowing that Jesus choose Judas?

6. As you read through the hymn, “How Firm a Foundation,” which stanza do you like the most? How is this hymn a fitting song to think through as it pertains to this sermon? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

*“Surely in Judas' betrayal it will be no more right, because God both willed that his Son be delivered up, and delivered him up to death, to ascribe the guilt of the crime to God than to transfer the credit for redemption to Judas.”*

- John Calvin