

# Liars of the Bible



**Words to Find:**  
 Abraham  
 Ananias  
 Isaac  
 Jacob  
 Laban  
 Michal  
 Rahab  
 Sapphire  
 Sarah  
 Satan  
 Saul

## It's Not So Safe After All

*Spencer*

A gentleman was riding in a stagecoach with an unknown traveler. After passing through a dangerous area the gentleman remarked to the stranger, "This place is infamous for robbery. I have ridden over it many times and have never seen or had one problem."

"In good time," replied the oth-

er, after seeing it was a perfect opportunity, presently demanded the gentleman's wallet, and robbed him. Thus it is that no place, no company, no age, or no person is temptation-free. Let no man boast that he was never tempted. Let him not be high-minded, for he may be surprised in that very instant when he boasted that he was never tempted at all, that he will be tempted!

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## Not One of His — The Sad Story of Judas Iscariot

*Bill Brinkworth*

It's such a terrible shock when it's found out that a person we thought was faithful to the Lord, gets involved in the wrong things and turns his back on the cause of Christ. It is even more surprising when it was one that was even involved in a ministry. It does happen.

This happened to our Lord himself. One that walked with him, talked with Him, and heard the best preaching ever, turned on Him and was even used to have Jesus killed. Here is what the Bible reveals to us about Judas Iscariot.

### He was one of the 12 apostles.

*Matthew 10:2-4 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; ... and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him."*

**There were signs of worldliness in Judas' life.** Sin took a hold of him. Judas was a thief. *John 12: 3-6 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard,*  
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## The Leopard in Us All

*C. H. Spurgeon*

A soldier in India had "tamed" a leopard. He had raised it from the time it was a kitten. It went about the house like a cat, and everybody played with it.

One day he was sitting in his chair asleep. The leopard licked his hand in all innocence. As he licked, the skin was broken, and the taste of blood came to the leopard, and from that moment



the cat was not content to dwell with men. It rushed forth to kill, and was no more at ease till it reached the jungle. That leopard, thought tamed, was a leopard still.

A man, sobered by moral motives, but unchanged in heart, is still a fallen, sinful man. The taste of sin, will soon reveal the "leopard" in him. Tempt a moral person, and you may discover a sinner! The thin crust of goodness, soon disappears under temptation. You may be everything that looks like good, but except you have been born again you must remember you are still capable of the direst evil.

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very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, ... Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, **Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.**"

**Satan used Judas.** One sin led to others. Judas was not saved, and the devil got access to his heart and used him against Jesus.

*John 13:1-2 "... And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; "That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." Acts 1:25*

**Judas sold out our Saviour.** His early sin of coveting money, led to stealing, and later it led to assisting in murder.

*Matthew 26:14-16 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him."*

*Matthew 26: 47-49 And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. 48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him ..."*

**Judas got no satisfaction from sin.** It led to his killing himself. Sin never fulfills; it always desires more.



*Mat. 7:3-5 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself."*

Here is a man that had some of the best opportunities to live for and to serve the Lord. Sin crept in, and as it usually does,

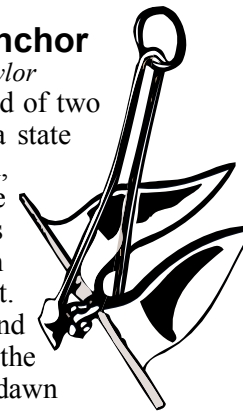
led to committing others. The sad conclusion is that this man became an enemy of God and tried to destroy Jesus and His ministry on earth. How grieved Judas was when he came to himself and realized what he had done.

This same scenario has been echoed billions of times in the past. It can happen to the best: preachers, teachers, church bus drivers, and song leaders. No one is exempt from the strangle hold of sin. Sin has a terrible price tag and will cost more than anyone ever wants to pay. The only safety is not to let "a little sin" get its roots in our lives. Flee and fear what could destroy your life — sin.

## Lift the Anchor

W. M. Taylor

I once heard of two men who, in a state of intoxication, set out in the night to cross a lake in an open boat. They rowed and rowed till the gray light of dawn began to open upon them, when to their astonishment they found that they had not moved a yard. Would you know the reason? In the stupidity of



*"Conscience tells you what's wrong. It doesn't stop you from doing it."*

*"No degree of temptation justifies any degree of sin."*

— Willis

their drunkenness they had neglected to lift the anchor before they began!

So it is with many, and their endeavors in attempting to live the Christian life. They gladly listen to preachers, and the more earnest the sermon, the more they are delighted. They converse with Christians about spiritual things, and consider themselves "spiritual".

Somehow, they never seem to grow in the things of the Lord. There seems to be something missing in their life. They never get involved, and faithfulness to service to the Lord and attendance to church always seem a battle to them. Why? Because deep down, their hearts are anchored to some hidden thing, and they never lifted the anchor by being saved.

There is a righteousness of their own which they will not part with, not even for the spotless robe which Jesus would bestow upon them. There is a secret chamber in their souls, of which they are determined that Christ shall not have the key. There is a darling lust which they are resolved yet to gratify, and so they still hang back and are only almost persuaded after all, and perhaps will die lost.

**"Sin causes the cup of joy to spring a leak."**