

Mark 3:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.

Analysis

The list concludes: 'Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him.' This ominous note reminds that evil infiltrated Jesus' inner circle from beginning. 'Iscariot' likely means 'man of Kerioth' or possibly 'sicarius' (dagger-man). The phrase 'which also betrayed him' uses παραδίδωμι, meaning 'handed over'—same verb describing Jesus 'delivered up' to death (Romans 4:25; 8:32). Judas' betrayal demonstrates proximity to Jesus doesn't guarantee salvation—external association differs from heart transformation.

Historical Context

Judas served as treasurer (John 12:6; 13:29), suggesting trustworthiness. His betrayal for thirty pieces of silver (Matthew 26:14-16) fulfilled prophecy (Zechariah 11:12-13). His suicide (Matthew 27:3-5; Acts 1:18-19) demonstrated despair without repentance. Why did Jesus choose Judas knowing he would betray? To fulfill Scripture and demonstrate sovereign control. Judas' presence warns against presuming salvation based on religious association. His apostasy demonstrates hardness despite evidence.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does Judas' betrayal warn against presuming salvation based on external religious association?
2. What distinguishes genuine faith from mere proximity to Jesus?
3. How does Jesus' foreknowledge demonstrate sovereign control over redemptive history?

Interlinear Text

καὶ Ἰούδαν Ἰσκαριώτην, ὃς καὶ παρέδωκεν αὐτόν καὶ
And Judas Iscariot which And betrayed him And
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ἔρχονται εἰς οἶκον
they went into an house
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Additional Cross-References

Matthew 26:47 (Parallel theme): 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.

John 13:2 (Parallel theme): And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

John 6:64 (Parallel theme): But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

John 6:71 (Parallel theme): He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.