

THE KING'S MEN: PART 4  
(Matthew 10:3b-4)

- I. James the Son of Alphaeus
  - A. Sometimes called “James the LESS”
  - B. May have been the BROTHER of MATTHEW
  - C. What TRADITION/HISTORY says about him: Preached in PERSIA, where he died a martyr by CRUCIFIXION
- II. Thaddaeus, or Judas the Son of James (Acts 1:13)
  - A. Name may indicate he was especially BELOVED
  - B. Questioned HOW and WHY Jesus would disclose Himself to the APOSTLES and not to the WORLD (Jn 14:22)
  - C. What TRADITION/HISTORY says about him: He was a gifted HEALER active in SYRIA, but BEATEN to death as a martyr
- III. Simon the Zealot
  - A. He was associated with “INSURRECTIONISTS”
  - B. What TRADITION/HISTORY says about him: He evangelized the “BRITANIA Isles,” then in Persia was SAWN IN TWO
- IV. Judas Iscariot
  - A. His NAME

1. "Iscariot" may identify his OCCUPATION as a dyer of cloth, or his ORIGIN in a Judean village, Kerioth
  2. "Judas" was an HONORED and HEROIC name
- B. His CALL: Not RECORDED in the NT
- C. His CHARACTER
1. Superficially, ABOVE REPROACH (Mt 26:21-22; Jn 12:5-6)
  2. Secretly, a self-centered HYPOCRITE
- D. His TREACHERY
1. PREDICTED in the OT (Ps. 41:9; Zech. 11:12-13)
  2. FOREKNOWN by Jesus (John 6:64, 70-71; 13:18; 17:12; Lk 22:21-22)
  3. PREDETERMINED by God (Lk 22:21-22)
  4. VOLUNTARY and INTENTIONAL by Judas (Mt 26:49-50; Jn 13:26)
  5. DIRECTED by Satan (Jn 13:27)
- E. His DEATH: SUICIDE by hanging (Mt 27:5; cf. Acts 1:18)
- F. LESSONS from his LIFE
1. Example of LOST OPPORTUNITY
  2. Example of SQUANDERED PRIVILEGE
  3. Example of EVIL rooted in GREED
  4. Example of REJECTION of God's patient, forbearing LOVE