

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### AGAPE THANKSGIVING MEAL

*connect@ourelement.org*

Sunday, November 22nd  
Signup Today!

### GOBAGS

*All November*

Help us support children put into Foster Care by filling basic necessities and needs. Check out the Gobags tent outside for more!

### SUPER SNACK SUNDAY

*Help fill our eKids! snack pantry!*

Next Sunday. List of examples at Welcome Center.

### GOSPEL COMMUNITY

GC's are our primary organizing structure, here at Element. It's where we really see Disciple Making take place, when we orient our lives together, on and around the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It's where we commit to grow as a disciple, disciple others, and make disciples. To share our lives so they are visible and accessible.

DISCIPLE: A disciple is one who increasingly submits their life to the all-empowering Lordship of Jesus Christ.

JOIN: Connect with a Group by emailing *connect@ourelement.org* or visiting the Welcome Center.

## THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

Thank you for joining us today. This is a short note to let you know that we know what you are thinking: It is hot and cramped in this room. We want to acknowledge with you that yes, the front room is full, the kids rooms are full, and it can get warm. We are working on alleviating this right now by building our own building on the land just north of us (we must be out of this one by December 2016).

There is a lot that goes into the process of Element having a permanent home, but we hope that today you are first drawn to Jesus before you are overwhelmed by anything else. If it gets too hot, we

may hand out popsicles to help you cool off and give you a sugar rush. If you would like a service that has open seats (and is cooler), you are invited to our 8:15am service. Please understand that all of these "challenges" are because of our love for Jesus, people, and growth that has come quickly. These are good things. We hope you will stay as we work to make more room for you to be part of the good thing Jesus is doing here. If you would like more information about our building process or how you can participate, you can visit: [www.elementroots.org](http://www.elementroots.org).

- The Element Team

# LEGENDS OF THE FALL

### TODAY'S VERSES:

*Acts 1:15-17*

*Mark 3:13-19*

*1 Corinthians 4:5*

*John 6:64-71*

*Luke 6:12-13*

*John 12:1-6*

*Matthew 26:53*

*Ephesians 5:2*

*Psalms 41:9*

*John 17:12*

*Luke 22:21-22*

*Matthew 26:14-16*

*Matthew 26:46-50*

*Matthew 27:1-5*

### MY NOTES:

# 07

# JUDAS

*In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."*

*Acts 1:15-17*

Welcome to Legends of the Fall Week 7. We took 12 weeks during our summer series Coloring Book All-Stars to look at the "heroes" of the bible, those you would see in the pages of coloring books. We saw how all the "good" guys (except Jesus) were flawed just like we are.

In Legends of the Fall we are taking 10 weeks to look at the villains in the bible, those that everybody considers the "bad guys." We are looking at how we are not as different from them as we might think. Today, we take a look at THE BETRAYER, Judas Iscariot.

### **Who do you think of when you think of a traitor?**

The most infamous traitor in Scripture, other than the Devil, is Judas Iscariot, the betrayer of Christ. Judas is a guy that we love to hate, we often think we are so much better than him, but in reality we have all betrayed Christ in one way or another.

### **Have you ever been betrayed?**

#### **How did that feel?**

### **Have you ever betrayed anyone else?**

#### **How?**

Jesus knew Judas and what he was capable of doing before He ever called him. Judas, along with the other disciples, were chosen after Jesus prayed all night about His decision. We must understand that Judas' betrayal wasn't a surprise to Jesus; God the Father answered Jesus' prayer about who was to be part of disciples. It was part of God's plan to choose Judas to accomplish

His redemptive work, even though he was called a "devil," which can also be translated "accuser or slanderer." Jesus chose Judas purposefully, and He called him to be with Him and learn from Him and to be loved by Him.

### **Read John 6:64-71**

**Think of someone who has betrayed you, would you be upset if that person is in Heaven?**

**Is there anyone who would be surprised to see you in heaven?**

What do we know about Judas?

1. He was a hypocrite – He put on a good religious show for all the others.
2. He was a thief – He was always looking for a way to personally gain.
3. He was a betrayer - Judas was the person that God used in order to "hand over" Jesus to the temple priests.
4. Judas delivered (or 'betrayed') Jesus to the authorities for 30 pieces of silver with a kiss.
5. Judas confessed his sin, repented, and tried to return the money – He confessed his sin to the chief priests and elders which was customary.

### **Where in life do you refuse to let go of your own plans?**

### **What are you trading Jesus for?**

**Are you willing to trust Jesus when life doesn't go how you desire or plan?**

Judas' life and death shows us the difference between the law and grace. The law cannot pardon sin, as there is no hope in the law for forgiveness without atonement. Judas probably felt that the only thing left for him to do was to atone for his own sin by taking his own life, so he committed suicide.

### **How do you try to atone for your own sin?**

The law brings death, but grace brings life through the death and sacrifice of Jesus. After all of Judas' time with Jesus, even after his betrayal of Jesus, Judas still couldn't see the truth, that Jesus, who was full of grace and truth, was making atonement for sin—even Judas' sin, even our sin.