♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, April 17, 2011

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The story of Judas Iscariot is the story of a wasted life. He had every opportunity to choose well and yet, rejected Jesus Christ. How is it possible to be so close and still miss relationship to Jesus and eternity in heaven. It happens all the time. Pray for today as we celebrate the Lord's Supper and focus our hearts on the Savior.

1.	We miss Jesus when we think we are
	We miss Jesus when we want Him to
3.	We miss Jesus when we allow
4.	We miss Jesus when we partner with
5.	We miss Jesus when we
6.	We miss Jesus when we
7.	We miss Jesus when we know

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"Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death. They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor. When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility." So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself." (Matthew 27:1-5, NIV).

1. We miss Jesus when we think we are fooling Him.

"Then Jesus replied, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!" (He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)" (John 6:70-71, NIV).

- 2. We miss Jesus when we want Him to fit our mold.
- 3. We miss Jesus when we allow closeness to breed familiarity.
- 4. We miss Jesus when we partner with the wrong people.
- 5. We miss Jesus when we ignore His invitations.
- 6. We miss Jesus when we reject His love.
- 7. We miss Jesus when we know guilt without repentance.

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