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Luke 18:31, *“Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.”*

Throughout Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, the Bible refers to “the twelve.” This is referring to the twelve apostles. There are many verses from the calling of the twelve apostles to Judas coming with the mob to betray Jesus where “the twelve” is referred to.

The first time in the Bible the twelve apostles are referred to is Matthew 10:2 where we are given the names of the twelve Apostles. Numerous times after that we read of “the twelve.” It’s interesting that even up to the end of the life of Judas, “the twelve” are still referred to.

We are told in Matthew 26:47, *“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.”* Even while Judas was in the act of betraying Jesus, the Bible still refers to him as one of the twelve.

Judas betrayed Jesus. He went and cast the 30 pieces of silver at the feet of those who had paid him for this deed. He then went and hung himself.

Judas had left the twelve and left this life. He was no longer part of the twelve. Matthew 28:16 then refers to the eleven, *“Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.”* Mark 16:14 says in the first part of this verse, *“Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat...”*

There are other verses that refer to “the eleven” after the death of Judas. He had betrayed the LORD and hung himself, but the apostles as a group continued on. After a bit of time, he was replaced and the twelve once again continued. Acts 6:2 is the only verse that refers to the apostles as “the twelve” after the death of Judas who was replaced by Mathias. *“Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.”*

I think many today feel if they stop their service to the LORD and leave active duty in the church, that the church stops, or at least the local congregation. It certainly leaves a void, but if one leaves the LORD and is no longer in service to Him, the church will continue on without that person. With time, the wound of someone leaving will heal, and the church and any local congregation will continue on without that person.

The twelve were no doubt hurt when they became “the eleven.” But, with a little time they once again became “the twelve” and the work of the LORD continued.

—Marty Edwards❖

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# News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry and Shirley Parson. Wanda Bozarth**, the mother of Ruby Edwards, is recovering quite well from a recent stroke. Ruby plans to return to

Arkansas this week for approximately two weeks to help her mother and father.

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Matthew 26:50, “*And Jesus said unto him, Friend , wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.*”

We all know what it means to have good friends. Friends are people we can count on and people we are very close to. Jesus not only talked of love for us, but He calls us friends. John 15:14-15, “*14Ye are my friends , if ye do whatsoever I command you. 15Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.*”

Though we do serve the LORD, He said in the above verse that he was not calling us servants, but friends. How wonderful that is for the LORD Himself to call us friends. That friendship will never end, unless we end it.

It’s a sad verse in Matthew 26:50 where Judas brings the mob to betray Jesus. The last few words and last sentence ever recorded that Jesus says to Judas, Jesus calls him “friend.” I wonder if this stung Judas to know that even though he had forsaken and betrayed Jesus, he was still called “friend” by Jesus.

Jesus will never forsake us and “unfriend” us, but we do so to Him when we become unfaithful and leave Him.

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Sunday, April 22, 2018		
Classes	14	II Timothy 3:13-17
Preaching	19	New Heavens and New Earth
Contribution	\$711.20	
Evening	19	Zephaniah 1:1-18
Wednesday, April 25, 2018		
Classes	17	Revelation 14:4-20

Visitors— Apr 22 (PM) Margaret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)

## Bible Quiz

The angel John saw flying through Heaven had what?

Last Week’s Answer— A Lamb (Revelation 14:1)

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We plainly know from the Bible the eternal fate of Judas. Jesus said it was better for him if he had never been born. I can’t help but wonder if the final words of Jesus calling him friend will forever be in his mind knowing he forsook and betrayed the truest friend of all who could have given him everlasting life in Heaven.

—Marty Edwards❖

## —God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)