THE CASE OF JUDAS...

A KISS IN THE DARK!

"Now he [JUDAS ISCARIOT] that betrayed him gave them a sign saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him."
MATTHEW 26:48-49

Judas...Name of infamy!

JUDAS ISCARIOT..."the father of all those who betray their Master with a kiss."

JUDAS ISCARIOT...What a host of dark thoughts and images start up at the mention of that detested name!

Judas---His name seems hung up on a gallows in the sight of all men. That religious human nature might, in the course of ages, pay its full pence of hatred, contempt and disgust to the guilt it represents.

Judas---[pronounced with a hiss], children loathe him, and stammer out full curses against him in their young hearts.

Judas---Preachers in every age have launched anathema's burning with truth and eloquence against him.

Dante, the Italian master poet heats for him a circle in hell seven times hotter, and classes him next in crime to Lucifer himself.

The suicide of Judas is a microcosm of the suicide of a rebellious world.

BUT---Do we grasp fully the fact, there go I but for the grace of God?

Judas willingly gave himself to the task of betraying Jesus...for Judas was a 'thief' for he carried the money-bag of the band of disciples.

What a world of iniquity is bound up in money! It is written: "...money answereth all things." Ecclesiastes 10:19. Also: "For the love of money is the root of all evil: whichwhile some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." 1 Timothy 6:10.

Could the Apostle Paul have been referring to Judas?

Our LORD, Jesus Christ utters but one word without identifying him; it is a most fearful one---"One of you is a devil." DIABOLUS: To accuse, malign.

How far does the triumph of grace over sin go?

Does "CALVARY COVER IT ALL" ? As the hymn states...

What a mysterious realm lies here!

How Theologians have debated this!

Was Judas 'pre-destinated' to act out his dispicable deed?

"One of you is a devil.." Said Jesus..Clean and unclean birds, the dove and the raven are yet in the ark.

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