

ONE DAY CAN CHANGE *Everything*



JUDAS - AVOIDING THE ULTIMATE TRAGEDY

The Son of Man is going to die as the Scriptures say he will. But how horrible it will be for that person who betrays the Son of Man. It would have been better for that person if he had never been born. **Matthew 26:24** GW

Then Judas threw the silver coins down in the Temple and went out and hanged himself. **Matthew 27:5** NLT

IF I AVOID THE ULTIMATE TRAGEDY...

1. I WILL ENCOUNTER _____.

Jesus said, “Father, forgive these people! They don’t know what they’re doing. **Luke 23:34** CEV

In fact, God is patient, because he wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost. **2 Peter 3:9b** CEV

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity...? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in showing clemency. ¹⁹ He will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. **Micah 7:18-19** NRSV

2. I WILL ENCOUNTER _____.

...You will be my witnesses—in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world.” **Acts 1:8b** NCV

3. I WILL ENCOUNTER _____.

But the Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you power. **Acts 1:8a** CEV

I want you to know about the great and mighty power that God has for us followers. It is the same wonderful power he used ²⁰ when he raised Christ from death ... **Ephesians 1:19, 20a** CEV

God...began this good work in you, and I am certain that he won’t stop before it is complete on the day that Christ Jesus returns. **Philippians 1:6** CEV

4. I WILL ENCOUNTER _____.

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn’t fragile like the peace the world gives. So don’t be troubled or afraid.^[b] ²⁸ Remember what I told you—I am going away, but I will come back to you again... **John 14:27, 28** LB

Jesus himself stood right in the middle of them and said, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were fearful and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ But Jesus said, “Why are you troubled? Why do you doubt what you see? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have a living body as you see I have. **Luke 24:36b-39** NCV

AVOIDING THE ULTIMATE TRAGEDY REQUIRES THAT ...

1. I _____.

Jesus and his disciples were at supper. The Devil had already put into the heart of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, the thought of betraying Jesus... **John 13:2** GNT

Above all else, guard your heart.... **Proverbs 4:23a** NIV

So be careful. If you are thinking, “Oh, I would never behave like that”—let this be a warning to you. For you too may fall ...” **1 Corinthians 10:12** TLB

Be on your guard and stay awake. Your enemy, the devil, is like a roaring lion, sneaking around to find someone to attack. ⁹ But you must resist the devil and stay strong in your faith... **1 Peter 5:8, 9a** CEV

2. I _____ OF “WAYS OF ESCAPE”

No temptation has overtaken you except something common to mankind; and God is faithful, so He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it. **1 Corinthians 10:13** NASV

3. I MAKE A _____ TO CHRIST.

Jesus answered, “A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. **John 13:10-11** NIV

These “against-Christ” people used to be members of our churches, but they never really belonged with us... **1 John 2:19** LB

