

## Bible Character series of readings – week 27

### 1<sup>st</sup> May – Judas Iscariot

**Monday: Matthew 10:1-20. One of the twelve:** As Jesus sends out the twelve, one of whom is Judas, what encouragement do we get from hearing of their journey as we venture out on our frontlines?

**Tuesday: John 12:1-10. Hypocrite:** In these verses we get a glimpse into the character of Judas, that in spite of his words, Judas' motives were self-serving. Let's take a leaf out of Mary's book and be extravagant in what we say and do towards others, glorifying God through right motives.

**Wednesday: Matthew 26:14-35. Betrayal foretold:** Jesus, the divine Son of God, knew both the strengths and weaknesses of every one of His disciples and knew that Judas would betray Him, and yet he showed them the full extent of His love. Give God thanks today for His great love towards us.

**Thursday: Matthew 26:47-56. Betrayal accomplished:** When we face difficult circumstances, what can we learn from the way that Jesus responds to Judas, the crowd and the disciples? Pray that God will give you the heart of Christ to respond in a right manner in all circumstances.

**Friday: Matthew 27:1-10. Remorseful:** Have you ever wished you could erase words spoken or actions taken? For Judas, the full weight of what he has done bursts in upon his conscience. Today, no matter what we have said or done, if we are willing to put things right and confess our sin, we can know His forgiveness.