

QUESTION: God's master plan was for Jesus to die on the cross for our sins, so was Judas used as part of the plan, and is he responsible for his actions?

ANSWER: Judas was used, because God KNEW by His FOREKNOWLEDGE what Judas would do. Judas was in NO WAY a puppet who could not control his own actions. Judas **gave Satan the RIGHT** to come in and POSSESS him (see John 13:27), and he is most certainly responsible and will be judged for his actions. We know one of his principle sins was **the sin of GREED** (see John 12:3-6), which probably led to his becoming disillusioned with the way Jesus was going about as the Messiah (i.e. - Judas wanted Jesus to set up an EARTHLY KINGDOM, in which **he would have power and wealth**). He COULD HAVE REPENTED and been forgiven, but he did not. **Read John 13:18-30**

- **Read Luke 22:20-23** (Verse 22) "And truly the Son of Man goes **as it has been DETERMINED**, but woe to that man **by whom He is betrayed!**"
- **Read Acts 1:15-26** (Verse 16) "Men and brethren, this scripture (Psalm 41:9) had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, **who became a guide** to those who arrested Jesus." (Verse 25) "To take part in this ministry and apostleship **from which JUDAS BY TRANSGRESSION FELL**, that he might go to his own place."
- **Read Acts 2:22-24** (Verse 23) "Him (Jesus), being delivered by the **determined counsel and foreknowledge of God**, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death.."