

## **FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS**

### **Acts 1:15-20**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Why do so many church members become “drop-outs” ? There are four characteristics of Judas Iscariot which may help us answer this question.

- I. JUDAS WAS A NUMBER ON THE ROLL**
  - A. HE WAS ON THE ROLL, BUT NOT IN THE GROUP
  - B. MANY CHURCH MEMBERS ARE LIKE THIS TODAY
  
- II. JUDAS WAS A “HAS BEEN”**
  - A. HE “WAS” NUMBERED WITH THEM (V. 17)
  - B. MANY CHURCH MEMBERS ARE IN THIS CONDITION
  - C. SATISFACTION IN PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS DOES NOT GET THE JOB DONE
  
- III. JUDAS WAS THE TRAGEDY OF AN UNWORKED CLAIM**
  - A. HE WAS IN THE CIRCLE OF DISCIPLES
  - B. HE HAD A “CLAIM” BUT DIDN’T WORK IT
  - C. ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGES OF YOUR OPPORTUNITIES?
  
- IV. JUDAS WAS A MAN CONTROLLED BY GREED INSTEAD OF GOD**
  - A. HE BOUGHT SOME LAND (V 18)
  - B. HE STOLE FROM JESUS AND THE DISCIPLES
  - C. HIS LAND BECAME HIS TOMB
  - D. WHAT IS THE CONTROLLING FORCE IN YOUR LIFE?

#### **CONCLUSION**

Judas became the first “drop-out” because he never was rightly related to Jesus Christ. What is your relationship with the Savior?