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What would [J....] do?



"WWJD"

Does this guide you
in your life's choices?

IF YOU LIVED IN JESUS' DAY ...

If you lived in Jesus' day ...

Would you want to:

- See Jesus?
- Spend time with Jesus?
- Travel with Jesus?
- Listen to Jesus teach?
- Worship with Jesus?
- Fellowship with Jesus?
- See Jesus perform miracles?
- Be a friend of Jesus?

Would you be willing to:

- Work for Jesus?
- Teach others in Jesus' name?
- Perform miracles in Jesus' name?
- Serve others in Jesus' name?
- Be persecuted for Jesus' sake?
- Do whatever you could to help Jesus?
- Endure hardship and danger for Jesus?
- Learn what the Bible says?
- Pray in Jesus' name?
- Be sorrowful about sin?

If you knew someone who did all of these, would you consider him a good role model??



How would you rate, if compared yourself to such a person??

Did you know that the Bible does mention such a person??



An EXAMPLE for us!!
But this person did have one little fault!



(For the most part...)
A good role model!

Saw Jesus.	Worked for Jesus.
Spent time with Jesus.	Taught others in Jesus' name.
Traveled with Jesus.	Performed miracles in Jesus' name.
Listened to Jesus teach.	Served others in Jesus' name.
Worshiped with Jesus.	Was persecuted for Jesus' sake.
Fellowshipped with Jesus.	Did whatever he could to help Jesus.
Saw Jesus perform miracles.	Endured hardship and danger for Jesus.
Was a friend of Jesus.	Learned what the Bible says.
	Prayed in Jesus' name.
	Was sorrowful about sin.

WHO???

Question: **Who???**

Answer:
Judas Iscariot !!!

***He did ALL of these things,
AND MORE.***

✧ **But he had one little fault.** ✧

He never seemed to have enough money!

- ✓ Perhaps he thought he needed some financial security.
- ✓ Perhaps he thought he deserved some bonus pay for all his efforts.
- ✓ But whatever the reason...

When Jesus said ...

"Don't worry, but trust God for your finances..."



"You cannot serve both God and Money. ... So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ..."
Matthew 6:24b, 31 (NLT)

Judas decided instead ...

... to help himself to some of the group's funds.

... having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it.
John 12:6 (ESV)

Eventually ...

His need for funds grew to the point that he had to look elsewhere...

And he did something ...

... that he might have previously considered "unthinkable."

[He] went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me ..."

... if I hand Him over to you?" So they weighed out pieces of silver for him.

Matthew 26:14-15 (HCSB)

Unfortunately, ...

... when you don't put sin to death ...

Sin will ...

... grow until it puts you to death.

Col. 3:5a (NLT)

So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you.
Col. 3:5a (NLT)

When sin grows up, it gives birth to death.
James 1:15b (GW)

Judas ...

... will spend eternity in the lake of fire, ...

Because of ...

... because of "one little sin" that he didn't deal with.

"... Judas ... has deserted us and gone where he belongs [his death described in v. 18-19]."

Acts 1:25b (NLT)

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.

Ephes. 5:6 (NIV)

There was a time that ...

... he seemed to be such a good follower, that nobody could have guessed it would happen...

Even when ...

... Jesus pointed him out, and told the others what he would do.

Jesus was deeply troubled. He declared ...

John 13:21b (GW)

There was a time that ...

"I can guarantee this truth: One of you is going to betray me!"

The disciples began looking at each other and wondering which one of them Jesus meant.

Jesus answered, "He's the one to whom I will give this piece of bread after I've dipped it in the sauce."

So Jesus dipped the bread and gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot.

John 13:21c-22, 26 (GW)

Then, after Judas took the piece of bread, Satan entered him. So Jesus told him, "Hurry! Do what you have to do."

No one at the table knew why Jesus said this to him.

Judas had the moneybag. So some thought that Jesus was telling him to buy what they needed for the festival or to give something to the poor.

John 13:27-29 (GW)

After all ...

... everything else he did seemed right ...

Just like ...


... us?

Saw Jesus.
Spent time with Jesus.
Traveled with Jesus.
Listened to Jesus teach.
Worshiped with Jesus.
Fellowshipped with Jesus.
Saw Jesus perform miracles.
Was a friend of Jesus.


ONE LITTLE SIN ALLOWED TO GROW.

BUT IT SEEMED SO SMALL AT FIRST!


Worked for Jesus.
Taught others in Jesus' name.
Performed miracles in Jesus' name.
Served others in Jesus' name.
Was persecuted for Jesus' sake.
Did whatever he could to help Jesus.
Endured hardship and danger for Jesus.
Learned what the Bible says.
Prayed in Jesus' name.
Was sorrowful about sin.



ONLY ONE LITTLE FAULT!!



But he let it grow ... and grow...
and grow...
...until it killed him.



We'd probably say ...
... we're better than Judas.

After all ...
... we don't go around betraying people.


AFTER ALL, I
DON'T GO
AROUND
BETRAYING
PEOPLE!!

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But we fail to remember ...
... that Judas didn't start out that way.

MY BABY IS SUCH AN ANGEL!!



It was ...
... a "little" sin that grew – one that probably seemed too "innocent" to worry about.

Of course, ...
... we might not have the "little" sin that Judas had.

But what about ...
... all the other "little" sins? They also are capable of growing.

Any "little" sin can grow – and it may be different for each of us.

I'M FOLLOWING JESUS!



JESUS DOESN'T DRIVE 95 MPH!

It might not ...

... even bother us, since it seems so "innocent."



I PRAYED THE "SALVATION PRAYER," SO I'M SAVED, WHETHER OR NOT I SIN!!

Or maybe it does ...

... even though we keep doing it.

IT BOTHERS ME THREE TIMES A DAY!!

We seem to forget ...

... that sin has consequences ...

For the wages of sin is death, ...
Romans 6:23a (NASB)



And ultimately ...

... not dealing with sin will be fatal. It will kill us eternally.

For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; ...
Romans 8:13a (NIV)

So next time ...

... you find yourself doing a "little" sin...



Ask yourself ...

... a basic question...

"What Would Judas Do?"



And then ...

... do the opposite!

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