

How God Uses Bad People to Do His Will

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TEXT: Acts 1:15-26

Acts 1:16-17

16 ... *“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus—*

17 *he was one of our number and shared in this ministry.” (NIV)*

Psalm 69:25

25 *May their place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in their tents. (NIV)*

Psalm 109:8

8 *May his days be few; may another take his place of leadership. (NIV)*

Matthew 26:56

56 *But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled ... (NIV)*

John 17:12

12 ... *None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. (NIV)*

LETTER A: Although Judas _____ to be acting solely on his
_____, it is clear that his betrayal
_____ into a larger pattern of events—one that is
_____ by the unseen _____ of the Living God.

Three Points About the Doctrine of God's Providence:

POINT #1: God has a _____ that includes _____ that happens in the universe.

POINT #2: God's plan extends to the _____ of life.

POINT#3: God uses _____ events—good and bad—to _____ His _____.

Genesis 50:20

20 *You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. (NIV)*

Romans 8:28

28 *And we know that all things work together for good, for those who love God and who are the called according to his purpose.*

LETTER B: These verses teach us that God can take the _____
_____ that happen in life, and turn them for _____
_____, and _____.

Lessons on How God Used Evil for Good:

LESSON #1: It illuminated the _____ of the
Jewish leaders.

LESSON #2: It proved that Christ is a _____ of _____.

LESSON #3: It established that Christ was truly _____.

Isaiah 53:7

7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. (NIV)

Matthew 27:19

19 While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him." (NIV)

John 19:6

6 ... *“I find no fault in him.”* (NIV)

LESSON #4: It _____ Bible _____ to the letter.

Psalm 41:9

9 *Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.* (NIV)

Zechariah 11:12

12 *I told them, “If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it.” So they paid me thirty pieces of silver.* (NIV)

Zechariah 11:13

13 *And the Lord said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—the handsome price at which they priced me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord to the potter.* (NIV)

LESSON #5: It teaches us that God _____ both the _____ and the _____.

LETTER C: The story of Judas teaches us that _____ happens by _____ . Everything _____ into God’s _____ .

LESSON #6: It shows the difference between _____ Christ and truly _____ Him.