

“This Do in Remembrance of Me”

1 Corinthians 11:23-34

“The same night in which he was betrayed” – it is of note that the Apostle (by inspiration of the Holy Spirit) would use this qualifying point in time to show when the Lord’s Supper was instituted by the Lord Himself. It shows the importance and impact that the betrayal of Christ by Judas Iscariot had on both the Lord and those at the Supper (and now, the Apostle Paul himself).

NOTE: Following is a message from Matthew 26:14-16 entitled “What Will You Give Me” on the betrayal of Jesus.

“What Will Ye Give Me?”

**Matthew 26:14-16; Mark 14:10-11; Luke
22:1-6**

Have We Sold Him Out Too?

The text for this message comes from Matthew 26:15.

Matthew 26:14–16

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15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

Mark 14:10–11

10 And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them.

11 And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

Luke 22:1–6

1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.

2 And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people.

3 Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

4 And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.

5 And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money.

⁶ And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

This message is about betrayal. It's a very familiar story to many that have been in church. As we consider the payment Jesus paid for us, the suffering He endured for us, consider one of the first things that happened to Him on His journey to the cross in His last days – He was betrayed by a close, personal friend. Perhaps the betrayal by Judas was even worse for Him than the denial by Peter for Jesus knew Peter would repent and become great; at the same time, He knew Judas would not. All that time with them and one of them Jesus knew would be a traitor.

The overall lesson, or application, for us today is bound up in the question at the beginning of this message – “Have we sold Him out too?” Many of us, by our lives, by our actions, have surely done that. Oswald Chambers said, “A man may betray Jesus Christ by speaking too many words, and he may betray him through keeping his mouth shut.” Either way the outcome is the same – many will die and spend eternity in hell because we betrayed our Savior. God help us if we don't care about that!!!

I. THE PERSON OF BETRAYAL – MATT. 26:15; MARK 14:10; LUKE 22:1-3

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A. It would seem, based upon the previous discourse with the Apostles, and how Judas was upset with the alabaster ointment that was used on Jesus that the Devil used that as the occasion to spark Judas to betray Jesus.

B. The person of the betrayal of Jesus to be crucified was a friend – not just any friend, but one of the twelve, one of His closest friends.

Psalm 41:9

⁹ Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

C. Consider Judas Iscariot as one of the Apostles – he sat at Jesus' feet and heard Him teach, he was given power to heal and cast out devils, he was a preacher of the Gospel, etc.

“He was not an open enemy, nor one of Christ's common hearers, nor one of the seventy disciples, but one of his twelve apostles, whom he made his intimates and associates; whom he selected from all others, and called, qualified, and sent forth to preach his Gospel, and perform miracles: it was one of these that meditated the delivery of him

into the hands of his enemies, and never left pursuing his scheme till he had effected it, even Judas Iscariot by name; so called, to distinguish him from another disciple, whose name was also Judas." (John Gill)

D. There are many today that say they are a friend of Jesus – that seem to have amazing abilities, and even seem to perform miracles – but many times they are "of their father the devil" – they are empowered by him.

Ephesians 6:12

¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

John 8:44

⁴⁴ Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

E. Many times, it is our friend that will betray us – it is the one that we may be closest to that will be used of the Devil to bring us down.

II. THE PRICE FOR BETRAYAL – MATT. 26:15; MARK 14:11A; LUKE 22:4-5

Matthew 26:15

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Mark 14:11

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Luke 22:4-5

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A. When there is a betrayal of our Savior, there will always be a price that we are willing to pay – what is your price?

B. The Devil knew what it was for Judas – it was money. Maybe for us it's fame, or prestige, or friendship with the world, or family – anything the Devil knows that he can use to get us to waiver in our devotion to the Lord and His will for our lives.

1 Timothy 6:9-10

⁹ But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Matthew 16:26

²⁶ For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Zechariah 11:12-13

¹² And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they

weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.

¹³ And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

C. The price we pay will have grave consequences. Most of the time when betrayal happens we are so blinded to it that we don't stop to consider the consequences – until it is too late.

Acts 1:16–18

¹⁶ Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

¹⁷ For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

¹⁸ Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

III. THE POTENTIAL TO BETRAY – MATT. 26:16; MARK 14:11B; LUKE 22:6

Matthew 26:16

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Mark 14: 11

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Luke 22: 6

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A. Because of our own sinful nature, and the fleshly desires, there is always the potential there to betray – that's why it is so important we maintain our testimony and our fellowship with the Father.

Romans 6:1–10

¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

² God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

³ Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

⁴ Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

⁶ Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

⁷ For he that is dead is freed from sin.

⁸ Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

⁹ Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

¹⁰ For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Romans 7:15–25

¹⁵ For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

B. Sin will separate us from that fellowship, and it isn't far for us to reach the point of betrayal after that.

C. The Devil is watching our every move, listening to our every conversation just waiting to catch us in something he can use against us when the time is right – and the betrayal is done.

1 Peter 5:8

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Job 1:8

⁸ And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

D. With Judas, it was his comment on the alabaster ointment that was the thing Satan used – what is for us?

Conclusion: Where do you stand in your relationship with the Lord? Could it be said of you that you are a friend to Him? If so, what kind of friend are you? There are many in churches just like ours, maybe even in ours, that are a "Judas Iscariot," willing to sell their Savior out for "thirty pieces of silver." God help you if you're one of them!!!