

“Thirty Pieces Of Silver”

INTRODUCTION: Jesus was treated as a “*hero*” on Palm Sunday, at the “*Triumphant Entry*” ... they wanted to crown Him as their KING.

- Things changed as the week wore on ... Judas betrayed Jesus.

Matthew 26:14-16

26:14 – Judas walked with Jesus as “*one of the twelve*”, but no one ever suspected Judas of any wrong actions.

- Judas must have admired Jesus, but never made Jesus his Savior.

- You can believe Jesus is THE Savior, but unless He’s YOUR Savior, then you will spend eternity with Judas.

26:14b – Judas went to them ... Luke 22:2-6 – Judas saw the “*Law of Supply and Demand*” ... Judas could deliver Jesus.

- Judas was obsessed with MONEY ... Satan knows your “*obsession*”, and will use it to lead you to sin.

26:6-9 – This got Judas’ mind on MONEY.

John 12:3-6 – John gives us a more complete picture.

12:5 – The first recorded words of Judas.

12:6 – Judas had been stealing money from Jesus & the Disciples.

- Judas was constantly thinking of money – Prov. 23:7
- Satan will use whatever your mind dwells on.

Matthew 26:15 – The price of betrayal was settled 600 years earlier – Zechariah 11:12

26:16 – This is what happens when you let something have mastery over you ... What do you love more than Jesus?

- For how much would you betray Jesus?

27:3-8 – Judas found out that it wasn’t worth it.

- If Judas truly “*repented*”, he should have gone back to Jesus.

- Judas was “*sorry*”, and “*regretted*” what he’d done, but he never “*repented*” of his sins.

- Forgiveness and cleansing comes only from Jesus.

27:5 – Judas ... was it really worth it?

CONCLUSION: Is your sin really WORTH IT?