

Blood Money!

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“Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priest and said, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?” And they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.”

Observations

- It occurs to me that one of Satan's main objectives is to attack a person where he feels that they are weak (Judas is classic). Do you know your weaknesses?

1 Peter 5:8

- There is one other instance in the Bible where Judas expresses his inordinate love for money, John 12:3-6

“Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.....”



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.... “But one of the disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, who would betray Him, said, “Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he use to take was put in it.”

Question: How often do you take from what you should set aside for God’s work for yourself?



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1Timothy 6:10

“For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

- Satan used Judas’ weakness of greed and covetousness to ultimately enter into his life and take it over!



Is Judas The Only One Guilty Of Crucifying Christ?

Hebrews 6:4-6

“For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the power of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance,



“...since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

- When Judas took money in return for Jesus’ betrayal, he committed Jesus to the open, public disgrace of the cross
- Money, then, becomes a symbol of what we would selfishly desire in exchange for handing over our relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ
WHAT WOULD SATISFY YOU TO GIVE YOUR LORD AWAY?
(Money? My Friend’s Admiration? Sexual Sins?)
- Also, the Hebrew writer says that when we act out our values and views that we know are contrary to our Lord Jesus Christ, **WE RENEW (crucify afresh) THE OPEN SHAME OF JESUS ON THE CROSS**
- If as a Christian I openly reject his instructions for me (single, married, widowed, employed, unemployed, young, old,)

I CANNOT BE SAVED!

Observations

- If I'm sick and am offered the only medication to save me and I refuse it
- If I'm drowning in a river and refuse the only plank to save me and I push it away
- If I'm on a ship that is wrecked and there is one rope offered to me to get me to safety in a boat, and I turn it down
- **If I insist on refusing the grace of God in my life, I cannot be saved! (John 12:48)**

Our “Blood Money” Could Be Our Own *Selfishness*

- We hand over to Satan our Christian marriages for *selfishness* (Our spouses have a right to our time, our money, and our decision making) TWO BECOME ONE
- We hand over to Satan our God-given children for *selfishness* (some of us are “package deals” now that we have dependent children to raise)
- We hand over to Satan our worship time due to *selfishness* (business owners, employees and students)



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- After Jesus was arrested by Judas' somewhat covert operation, Judas attempted to return the thirty pieces of silver (Blood Money) to the Jewish priests and elders he had conspired with to betray Jesus (Matthew 27:3-5)
“Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”





And they said, What is that to us? You see to it!"

Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself."

- Judas was remorseful but not repentant
- Remorse means a feeling of regret, or sadness because of what we have done
- Remorse is like saying in your heart, "I shouldn't have done that."
- Repentance is like looking in the eye of the person you have wronged and saying, "I shouldn't have done that" (being in agreement with God and turning to them with a confession; seeking out forgiveness and reconciliation)
- Judas never took that repentance step though he could have





Observations

- Judas doesn't return to the community of disciples where forgiveness would be found
- Instead he suffers alone, in increasing despair, having committed what he undoubtedly thought was the unpardonable
- The Blood Money he got for betraying Jesus, was money he never would spend, for he took his own life the same night he got paid (the enjoyment of sin for a Christian, who loves the Lord, is always hard and temporary)
- However, the message of Judas' life is not how bad a betrayer he was, but that the **blood** that he betrayed was *still available* for *him* like it is *now for you and me!*





The Bible Teaches That All Of Us Are Guilty Of The Crucifixion Of Jesus Christ!

“All of us, like sheep , have gone astray;

*We have turned, every one, to his
own way;*

*And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity
of us all.”*

Isaiah 53:6



*The Crucifixion Of
Christ Is On Your And
My Hands Too!
What Will We Do
About It?*

Use The Blood of Christ For Your Salvation!

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38