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Betrayed By A Friend



30 Pieces Of Silver

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Then one of the 12 who was called Judas Iscariot went to the high priest and offered to betray Him. What are you willing to give me if I hand Him over to you. They agreed on 30 pieces of silver. And from that time onward Judas watched for an opportunity to betray our Lord. Amen

B&S here is a man who was with Jesus everyday. He seen the miracles that Jesus was performing, he would have seen nothing only goodness. He was one of the 12 Disciples and he himself could have healed people and performed miracles through the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. And now here he is offering his services to betray the one and only friend he would ever have had. He asked Caiaphas the high priest, what are you willing to give me if I hand Him over to you? He's willing to set the Lord up, he's selling Him out.

What For? MONEY. Remember B&S that is says

What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and looses his soul? What price can a man or woman put on their soul? Now here is this man, this so called friend willing to sell Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

He agreed on this price and from that time onwards he waited on an opportunity to betray Him.

You see there was a plot

The chief priest and the elders they got together in the palace of the high priest who's name then was Caiaphas.

And they plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill Him. **WOW Total Deception. Caiaphas**

His name means deception. This man Caiaphas hated Jesus. WHY? Well because Jesus was becoming too popular for him, Caiaphas was the high priest, and like many other men in the Bible he loved the feeling of power, but Jesus was in the way. Everyone was talking about Jesus, the multitudes were following Jesus.

He was healing the sick, and all the other miracles that Jesus was performing was upsetting Caiaphas, and Caiaphas was jealous. **Jesus was in the limelight.**

It was just after the raising of Lazarus from the dead, that Caiaphas finally cracked. Many people had come to pass their last respects to Martha and to Mary on the loss of their brother Lazarus.

And then this Man Jesus performed the greatest miracle of all. He brought Lazarus back to life. He had been dead for 4 days and the body had begun to rot.

There must have been a lot of excitement.

Jesus cries with a loud voice, Lazarus come forth, and he that was dead came forth bound hand and foot with grave clothes. The dead brought back to life **AMAZING.**

You would think that everyone would be happy and grateful at what Jesus had done for this family.

But jealousy is from Satan. Remember Cain and Abel?

Why did Cain kill Abel? Because he was jealous of him.

Abel brought an acceptable offering unto the Lord, and Cain's was rejected. Some of the people went to the Pharisees and told them what they had just seen.

The Pharisees had a meeting of the Sanhedrin, discussing what they were going to do about this man Jesus. Here He is He's performing all sorts of miracles. If we let Him go on like this everyone will believe in Him Now listen to this poor excuse B&S. And the Romans will come and take away our place and our nation. And then Caiaphas comes out with this statement.

Do you not realise that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, than the whole nation perish? He was prophesying and he didn't know it. You see Jesus wasn't going to die for the nation, but He was going to die for the **Whole World**.

It was Caiaphas's way of manipulating the people to try and make Jesus look like a troublemaker a disturber. Jesus hadn't done anything wrong, nothing that would deserve Him to be arrested, never mind the death penalty applied. Judas had come to Caiaphas just at the right time. Caiaphas wasn't interested in truth, he only wanted someone to point the finger at **Jesus** and condemn Him, and who better than one of His own Disciples. Someone who knew Him well.

Jesus prayed much for Himself and for His Disciples and for all the believers and when He had finished praying He and His Disciples went to the Kedron Valley Now Judas knew this place well. Jesus had often taken him there. They were in the Garden Of Gethsemane and it was here that **Judas betrayed Him**. He brought a detachment of soldiers with him, and he had arranged a signal with them. The one I kiss is the man, arrest Him

Judas went straight to Jesus and kissed Him.
Now Listen to what our lord says to him. Friend do what you came for. He addressed him as friend.

Judas was the man who kissed the gates of Heaven and never got in. Jesus said I am the Way, no man cometh unto the Father but by Me, and Judas betrayed Him with a kiss. After the arrest Caiaphas now had Jesus where he wanted him. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were now looking for evidence, something that they could pin on Jesus that would require the death penalty, but they couldn't find anything.

Many testified falsely against Him, but their statements didn't agree. Jesus said, am I leading a rebellion, that you come for Me with sticks, stones and a sword? I did nothing in secret. Everyday I was with you teaching in the temple and you did not arrest Me there. B&S In John 2v19 Jesus said to some of the Jews. Destroy this temple and in 3 days I will raise it up. They thought WOW 46 years it took to build this temple and you can raise it in 3 days? B&S The Lord was referring to the resurrection. The temple He was referring to was His body. But Jesus made this statement at the beginning of His ministry, 3 years prior, 3 years before this situation. But it was remembered and it was used against Him. Even so the false evidence that these men were giving didn't agree. All this time Jesus remained silent. This annoyed Caiaphas, he stood up and asked Jesus, are you not going to answer?

Are You the Christ the Son of God?

Jesus said I am, and you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of God. This gave Caiaphas an opening and they accused Jesus of blasphemy. He asked all the elders and the judges What Do You Think?

Is He worthy of death? They answered

They knew that this is what Caiaphas wanted, so they simply agreed with him. Then they started to rough Jesus up. They spat on His face, they punched Him with their fists, they slapped Him, and began to make fun of Him, prophesy to us Christ who hit You?

When they pronounced the death penalty on Jesus, Judas was riddled with guilt. When he saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse.

He tried to clear his conscience. **WHY?** Because he just betrayed the best friend that he ever had.

Someone who loved him, and cared for him, He even trusted him with the collection of their money, even though He knew that Judas was a thief, He made him treasurer of the money bag. But Judas was about to find out that money meant nothing. There are times when it has no value, when it is meaningless.

The 30 pieces of silver was no good to him now, he wanted to give it back. Please take it back, for I have betrayed innocent blood. But Caiaphas didn't want to know, what's that to us? That is your responsibility, go and live with it. But B&S and friends Judas couldn't handle the guilt. He threw the money at them and then he went out and took his own life he hanged himself.

Now big Peter the fisherman, he had let the Lord down and he also was full of remorse, sorry for what he had done. He wept and wept bitterly, but he lived with it and spent the rest of his life making up for it, He Repented. He became a mighty man for God. He repented and gave everything over to the Saviour, living out the rest of his life for the Lord. But Judas he couldn't face life anymore, so he decided to take the easy way out and by so doing he sent himself straight to hell, he committed suicide. I want to tell you friends, God doesn't send anyone to hell, people send themselves there.

It's all here in this book, the lovely **Holy Bible**

Jesus said. No one cometh to the Father but by Me.

This is what Calvary was all about. God didn't send His lovely Son to die a terrible death for something that we can remember happen in history, Calvary is not a history lesson. Jesus died so that we could be set free from the consequences of sin, which is eternal punishment in Hell And to be set free you must recognise Jesus Christ as your Saviour, as your Redeemer He is your atonement for sin. **You can't get to Heaven any other way.**

There isn't two ways. Only the one way, only by accepting Jesus Christ into your life and letting Him guide you. Don't be thinking that the Christian life is dull, it isn't. Jesus said I came to give you life and that you may have it more abundantly. Well there is me, and there is thousands like me who are all the proof of this that life is sweeter now. Don't be thinking that because you love a drink or a bet or a game of bingo or that you take drugs or trouble in the family or whatever.

You trust God and get saved .

Hand all of those troubles and situations over to Him for He said. Cast your cares upon Me. **WHY?** for I care for you. Jesus cares for you friends, and brothers and sisters. No one loves you like Jesus does, no one can sort out your life like Jesus can.

You might be thinking my life is a mess, my problems are too much, becoming a Christian won't solve my situation. (Listen B&S) King David said. Taste and see that the Lord is good. It says in Psalm 34v8.

Now that is not asking too much, Is it? To, Taste and see that Jesus is good. Taste and see for yourself.?

Your biggest problem in life doesn't even compare to one hour in Hell, one hour of Eternal Torment.

Judas went there. Don't be like Judas, don't follow him.

Commit your life to Jesus and follow Him to Heaven.

May the Lord bless you real good, why should I serve Jesus? Why? Because of what He did for you.

You see after Jesus was betrayed by Judas, after he was interrogated by Caiaphas, He was sent to Pilate the Governor where He suffered further interrogation.

Pilate had Him flogged before handing Him over to the soldiers to be crucified. The soldiers took Him into the Praetorium where a whole company of soldiers gathered round Him. They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, they stripped Him naked, they put a staff in His right hand and made fun of Him.

Hail King Jesus Of The Jews. They spat on Him and took the staff and hit Him on the head again and again. and again. And then they led Him away to be Crucified. Crucify Him.

Friends Brothers, Sisters how could you not refuse to serve Him.? That is the greatest decision that any man or woman could ever make. Is to commit their life to Jesus Christ. To let Jesus Christ be their Saviour to be their Redeemer. To acknowledge Him as your own Lord.

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