

May 26

Jesus Ends the Disciples' Lesson, Judas Decides to Betray Him

I said...“Give me my wages...” So they weighed for my wages thirty pieces of silver. Yahweh said to me, “Throw it to the potter, the handsome price that I was valued at by them!” I...threw them to the potter, in the house of Yahweh. – Zechariah 11:12-13

[Matthew 26:1-5 and 14-16, Bethany and Jerusalem, Tuesday] It happened, when Jesus had finished all these words, that he said to his disciples, “You know that after two days the Passover and the feast of the unleavened bread is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas. They took counsel together that they might take Jesus by

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deceit, and kill him. But they said, “Not during the feast, lest a riot occur among the people.”

Then *Satan entered into Judas* one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went *away, and talked* to the chief priests *and captains about how he might deliver him to them,* and said, “What are you willing to give me, that I should deliver him to you?” They *were glad, and weighed out* for him thirty pieces of silver. *He consented, and from that time he sought opportunity to betray him—to deliver him to them in the absence of the multitude* [Mark 14:1-2, 10-11, Luke 22:1-6]

1. Jesus ends a 2371-word answer (May 19-25) by talking of death; why? What did we learn?
2. What did Judas want? Why did Satan enter him? Could he enter you? How do you know?
3. Jesus, you chose 12 as your closest friends and one betrayed you; today I'll be faithful by...