

Every Man Has His Price

Zechariah 11:11-14

Exodus 21:29-32

Leviticus 27:1-3

Matthew 16:24-27

Matthew 26:14-16

Matthew 27:3-8

Romans 9:3-8

Revelation 2:2-5

Object Lessons in the OT

- YaHWeH often used object lessons to get His point across to His people.
- Isaiah going naked and barefoot for 3 years in Isaiah 20:1-6. This was a sign against Cush and Egypt.
- Jeremiah wearing bonds and yokes signifying the nations the Nebuchadnezzar would conquer in Jeremiah 27:1-11.
- Ezekiel “laying siege” against Jerusalem in Ezekiel 4:1-8.
- Ezekiel shaving, dividing, and burning his hair in Ezekiel 5:1-12.
- Zechariah and the 2 staffs in Zechariah 11.

So it was broken on that day, and thus the afflicted of the flock who were watching me realized that it was the word of the LORD. I said to them, "If it is good in your sight, give me my wages; but if not, never mind!" So they weighed out thirty shekels of silver as my wages. Then the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter, that magnificent price at which I was valued by them." So I took the thirty shekels of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD. Then I cut in pieces my second staff Union, to break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

Zechariah 11:11-14

- Zechariah is playing out the story of Judas' betrayal of Jesus over 400 years prior to it happening.
- After tossing the money back into the LORD's House, Zechariah cuts the 2nd staff (Union) in half.
- At the death of Jesus, the Old Covenant was cancelled and the bond that tied YaHWeH to Israel was severed. The cutting price was 30 shekels of silver.
- The price tag was more telling than immediately apparent.

Old-Time Theater



If, however, an ox was previously in the habit of goring and its owner has been warned, yet he does not confine it and it kills a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned and its owner also shall be put to death. If a ransom is demanded of him, then he shall give for the redemption of his life whatever is demanded of him. Whether it gores a son or a daughter, it shall be done to him according to the same rule. If the ox gores a male or female slave, the owner shall give his or her master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

Exodus 21:29-32

Again, the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When a man makes a difficult vow, he shall be valued according to your valuation of persons belonging to the LORD. If your valuation is of the male from twenty years even to sixty years old, then your valuation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

Leviticus 27:1-3

Slave -vs- Son

- Money -vs- Life restitution
- 30 shekels for their life -vs- 50 shekels for their temporary purchase (up to 7 years)
- Property -vs- Payment of a difficult vow

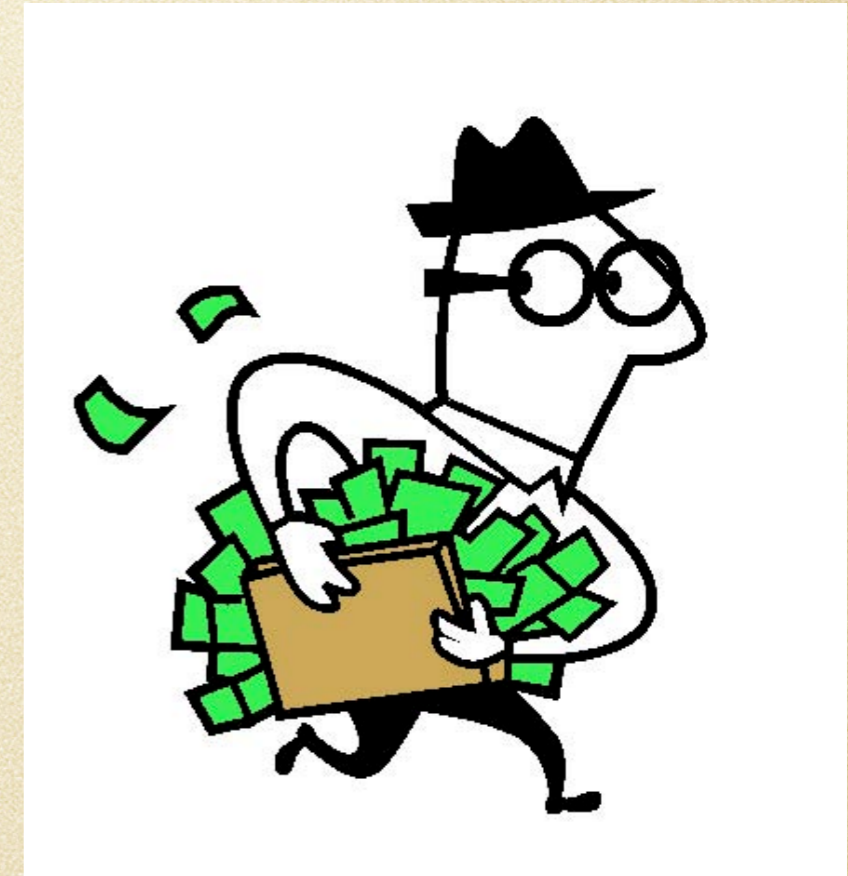


Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?” And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him. From then on he began looking for a good opportunity to betray Jesus.

Matthew 26:14-16

For 30 Pieces of Silver

- Judas had such little regard for his teacher and Lord that he decided to make a quick payday at Jesus' expense.
- The Pharisees are either valuing Jesus as a slave or devaluing Him as a son of Israel.
- Judas was both the fulfillment and the epitome of the friend turned traitor David referred to in Psalm 41.



Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to that yourself!" And he threw the pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself. The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the temple treasury, since it is the price of blood." And they conferred together and with the money bought the Potter's Field as a burial place for strangers. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

Matthew 27:3-8

Not Our Problem

- Judas tried to return the “blood money” to the Pharisees.
- When they refused to take the money back, Judas tossed it into the temple as was prophesied in Zechariah 11:13.
- Since they could not put the dirty money back into the treasury, they bought the Potter’s Field.



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did it.**



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Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds.

Matthew 16:24-27

What's Our Price?

- Do we worship the Lord together as He wants us to?
- Do we seek to be the daily, living sacrifices God calls Christians to be?
- Do we hold our faith up even in times of trouble?



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'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent.

Revelation 2:2-5

Where's Our Allegiance

- Do we always love the truth?
- Do we always hate evil?
- Do we love Jesus sacrificially?
- Do we truly love this church?



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For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh, who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises, whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen. But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "through Isaac your descendants will be named." That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.

Romans 9:3-8



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