

40 Days of Lent; 30 Pieces of Silver

Jesus was betrayed, we read, for thirty pieces of silver (Matthew 26:15). Judas' betrayal of Jesus was for thirty pieces of silver. How do you value Jesus and his work of restoration? This season (Lent), Daleville Christian Church asks you to consider Jesus' value for you. Each week place coins in your purse (one provided for you, to pick up at church). Let them represent some part of Jesus' value for your life. Maybe you are grateful for an answered prayer, a day of sunshine, a word of scripture, a relationship, a decision, a resolution, a confirmation, an encouragement. Whatever has worth that day, place a coin in the purse.

Bring purses to church each Sunday you attend through Good Friday. The purse offerings will go to a special community project, soon to be named. Judas never did anything with the thirty pieces of silver (later, he threw it back at the Pharisees and killed himself (Matthew 27:3-5)). Your value for Jesus will do good.



40 Pieces of "Silver"?

40 pennies = 40¢

Any combinations

40 nickels = \$2.00

40 dimes = \$4.00

Any amounts

40 quarters = \$10.00

40 dollars = \$40.00

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Matthew (in his Gospel book) tells us that Judas handed Jesus over for cash--

thirty pieces of silver; one pictured here.

As we read it, if Judas had a plan for the money, he never moved on it. If Judas wanted to buy anything with the money, he never made the purchase. If Judas was in a hurry to spend the money, he never did spend it. We can't be sure how valuable the coins were.

Several authorities say it was a significant amount of money. In so far as Peter struck with a sword one of the servants sent to arrest Jesus, Judas was taking a big risk.

It should raise the question: what is Jesus worth to us?

The A.C.T.S. of Prayer

One structure for prayer is given by the acronym "A.C.T.S.", representing adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication (or intercession.) We start off focusing on who God is, and praising him for that. Confession allows us to clear away the things in the relationship between you and God. Thanksgiving reminds us that each moment God is blessing us, every minute we can recall the wonderful things that God has done for us, and the gifts that we have been given. Supplication or Intercession is when we come to ask God for our needs and the needs of others.

[Please notice that "requests"/supplication comes LAST!]

Serving in March:

Thank You

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