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“Will Consider a Trade”

As we get into the Easter season, there are several Characters in the Bible that played a big part in that. We're going to talk about one of them who never really got beyond the idea of “what's in it for me?”

The Let's Make a Deal concept – “God, if you will, I will”

Most of the disciples at some point showed that they were in this thing for themselves.

Matthew 19:27 Peter answered Him, “We have left everything to follow you? What then will there be for us?”

Later, the disciples were arguing about who was going to sit at Christ's right and left. Eventually, they quit trying to make a deal and surrendered to just following Jesus.

Judas, however, never quit trying to make the deal, get something for himself. Judas knew that if Jesus was going to be a King on this earth, he had to hate Romans and get the Religious leaders on his side. Instead, Jesus did not hate Romans, and he made the religious leaders made, turning away followers. Judas began to see that he was not getting anything out of this.

Matthew 26: 6-9: While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this is waste?” they asked. “This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.”

This was the final straw for Judas. For Judas, Christianity was a way to advance himself and his career, and this was not a good business move, to waste this money.

John 12:4-6: But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, “Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.” He did not say this

because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

Matthew 26:10-16: Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it prepare me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.” Then...one of the Twelve – the one called Judas Iscariot – went to the chief priests and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him over to you?” So they counted out for him, thirty pieces of silver. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

How could anyone betray Jesus?

When your agenda takes precedence over God’s agenda, we are set up to betray Jesus.

Jesus knew that Judas was a traitor before he ever betrayed him.