

Series graphic w/email

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IF ... THEN ...

IF this is how it is, THEN I'm ...

IF this is what it takes, THEN I'm ...

IF this is how you are going to act, THEN I'm ...

SERIES GRAPHIC again

John 12:1-3

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany where Lazarus was, the one Jesus had raised from the dead. ² So they gave a dinner for Him there; Martha was serving them, and Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with Him. ³ Then Mary took a pound of perfume, pure and **expensive** nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped his feet with her hair. So the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

See Jesus clearly:

He is MORE THAN a **teacher, MORE THAN **Savior**, and MORE THAN **Lord**.**

John 12:4-5

Then one of His disciples, **Judas Iscariot** (who was about to betray Him), said, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold for **three hundred denarii** and **given to the poor**?"

IF ... THEN ...

Who is Judas seeing ... (or missing)?

John 12:6

He didn't say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a **thief**. He was in **charge of the money-bag** and would steal part of what was put in it.

Worth of Jesus (Mary's act of worship) vs. Worth of Money (Judas' reaction)

Matthew 26:14-16

Then one of the Twelve, the man called **Judas Iscariot**, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, "What are you willing **to give me** if I hand Him over to you?" So they weighed out **thirty pieces of silver** for him. ¹⁶ And from that time he started looking for a good opportunity to betray Him [Jesus].

CROSS ROADS image

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Crossroad moments force a reckoning (~assign a value).

Judas sold out the eternal Treasure for 30 pieces of silver.

Judas is not an anomaly; he is a representative of humanity.

How we **know Jesus** ultimately determines if we **follow Jesus** for the long haul.

If we miss **Jesus' worth**, we will leave Him at the crossroads.

Luke 22:1-3

The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called Passover, was approaching. ²The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put him to death ... ³Then **Satan entered Judas**, called Iscariot, who was numbered among the Twelve.

Ephesians 2:2-3a (NLT)

You used to **live in sin**, just like the rest of the world, **obeying the devil**—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of **those who refuse to obey God**. ³All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature.

Satan does not take innocent people captive because there are no innocent people.

Satan has power wherever sinful passions are valued/pursued more than Jesus.

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Satan seeks a **foothold in our life.**

Ephesians 4:27

... do not give the devil a **foothold**.

The most effective way for Satan to “blind us” is to get us **to focus on ourselves.**

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Common Footholds:

- 1) Love of **money** (I Timothy 6:10)
- 2) Being **offended** (easily bothered; angry)
 - a. Grudges; Unforgiveness
 - b. Self-righteousness

3) Words

- a. Listening to gossip
- b. Speaking too much
- c. Complaining/Critical spirit

4) Seeking praise/compliments □ Human **approval**

5) Blaming

Luke 22:31-32

“Simon, Simon, look out. **Satan** has asked to sift you like wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you that **your faith may not fail** ...”

Who does Peter see? Judas?

Luke 22:33

“**Lord,**” he [Peter] told Him, “I’m ready to go with you both to prison and to death.”

Matthew 26:25a

Judas, His betrayer, replied, “Surely not I, **Rabbi?**”

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Judas & Peter:

- Response to Jesus
- Response to sin

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- Response to Jesus □ **Surrender** (vs. sold out)
- Response to sin

Nothing **surrendered to Jesus is ever wasted!**

Judas & Peter:

- Response to Jesus □ **Surrender**
- Response to sin □ **Repentance** (vs. remorse)

Reckoning ... the worth of Jesus?

Repentance ... the best response to sin.

Receiving grace ... the air we breathe ...

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Love of Money □ Giving money away

- a) Grace of Protection
- b) Grace of Worship

Being Offended

- a) **Grace of identity**
- b) **Extending the grace of forgiveness**

Words

- a) **Grace of Purpose** **Giving grace (Eph. 4:29)**

Human Approval

- a) **In Christ, you have God's approval – forever!**

Blaming

- a) **Grace of Humility**
- b) **Grace of God's ultimate good working sovereignty**

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Assurance of Salvation

- a) **Judas is a warning**
- b) **The born again always fight, get back up, and fight back!**

Church Hurt:

- a) **Don't give up on Jesus' Bride!**
- b) **Love anyway ... His love wins!**
- c) **Pursue the fruit you hope for in others.**

Prodigals:

The best environment, the best teaching, the greatest example ... cannot change the human heart.

- Pray and do not lose heart ...**