

Betrayed by Judas

PREPARE

You will need:

A Bible

30 coins, any value but the higher the better

A bag to put them in



READ

Matthew 26:14-16 (NIV)

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.

Matthew 27:1-5 (NIV)

Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed.

So they bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.



Giotto – Kiss of Judas

When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

“I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.”

So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.



ACT

Begin by picking up the bag of coins and dumping its contents out in front of you. Pick up the coins one by one, counting them as you put them back into the bag.

REFLECT

How much is your integrity worth?

Would you betray a friend for any amount of money?

Why do we compromise our values for money, or other things?