



# Daily Reflections

## April 8, 2020

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### Scripture

#### **Matthew 26:21-38**

Then one of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot,\* went to the chief priests and said, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver,

and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

Preparations for the Passover.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread,\* the disciples approached Jesus and said, “Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?”h

He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The teacher says, “My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.”’”

The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve.

And while they were eating, he said, “Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”\*

Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, “Surely it is not I, Lord?”

He said in reply, “He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me.

The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born.”

Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, “Surely it is not I, Rabbi?” He answered, “You have said so.”

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### Our Scripture Reflection

Matthew recorded in his Gospel more details about Judas than all of the other Gospel accounts combined. In today’s text, we are given the pathetically scandalous details of Judas’ transaction with the Chief priests.

1. Rather than request a price from the Chief priests, he asked them what they were willing to pay.

2. The price they present to Judas of 30 pieces of silver is insultingly pathetic. If one farmer's oxen gored to death another farmer's slave, the price of restitution was to be 30 pieces of silver,,,,,chump change. To think: Judas sold the innocent Lamb of God for chump change! What a horrible scandal.

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## **Food for your Journey**

"I lift mine eyes, and see  
Thee, tender Lord, in pain upon the tree  
Athirst for my sake and athirst for me."  
--Christina Rossetti

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Holy Father, Please stay with me as I struggle to see  
how accepting the crosses of my life will free me from the power of the one who wants only to  
destroy my love and trust in You.  
Help me to be humble and accepting like your son, Jesus.  
I want to turn to You with the same trust he had in Your love.  
Save me, Lord. Only You can bring Peace to my soul. Amen