

2nd Station of the Cross - Jesus is betrayed by Judas and Arrested



Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. They were delighted and agreed to give him money.⁶ He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present. ~ Luke 22:1-38

Judas betraying Christ
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- Given that Jesus (you) are determined to live your truth and not deny who you are, what aspect of self is the internal Judas betraying? Or is Judas really aligned with the purpose of his Higher Self in love?
- Given that Jesus (you) are still struggling in the ego and do not want to be true to your purpose and destiny, what aspect is Judas in you? How does your ego feel betrayed?
- Given that Judas (you) wanted a violent rebellion against the Roman occupation, how did Jesus as your Higher Self betray you?

Really work to understand the story as an internal story representing two aspects of the Self. Consider the relationship from both sides.

- What dynamic process and stage of development does this part of the story represent?
- Why does Judas commit this seeming act of betrayal with a kiss? In Luke 22:48 Jesus says, “Is it with a kiss that you are betraying the *son of man*?” Not the son of God?
- Consider, if Satan entered Judas, then the whole sequence of events were the work of Satan? Or of God? (Where do Satan and God live?)
- What do you think is the significance of 30 pieces of silver? Look up not only the social meaning of the time, but also the esoteric, metaphysical meaning.

Consider, none of this could have happened without Judas – him and Jesus were close and Jesus knew what was about to occur. Read this excellent account of how Judas did not “betray” Jesus, but “delivered him up.” This aspect of the story is very rich and this article bears study: <https://arthuride.wordpress.com/2011/10/04/judas-did-not-betray-jesus/>

