

## The Bad Boys of Easter

### *"The Pretender"*

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Have you ever tried  
to bargain with God?  
With God's Power?

"If **you** will...  
I will..."

"Since **God** didn't...  
Forget it!"

There's a little bit of him  
in all of **us**

A Pretender  
and a Trader

Judas Iscariot

Jesus was a means to an end  
Rich Young Ruler –  
Matthew 19:16-23

#### Matthew 19:27 (NIV)

Peter answered him, "**We have left everything** to follow you! What then will there be **for us?**"

#### Matthew 26:6-7 (NIV)

<sup>[6]</sup> While Jesus was in **Bethany** in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper,

<sup>[7]</sup> 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.

### **John 12:11 (NIV)**

<sup>[11]</sup> for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and putting their faith in him.

### **Matthew 26:8-13 (NIV)**

<sup>[8]</sup> When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked.

<sup>[9]</sup> "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor."

<sup>[10]</sup> Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "*Why are you **bothering** this woman? She has done a **beautiful** thing to me.*

<sup>[11]</sup> *The poor you will always have with you, but **you will not always have me.***

<sup>[12]</sup> *When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.*

<sup>[13]</sup> *I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached **throughout the world**, what she has done will also be told, in **memory** of her."*

## **John tells us it was Judas**

### **Matthew 26:14-16 (NIV)**

<sup>[14]</sup> **Then** one of the Twelve--the one called Judas Iscariot--went to the chief priests

<sup>[15]</sup> and asked, "What are you willing to **give me** if I hand him over to you?" So they counted out for him **thirty silver coins**.

<sup>[16]</sup> From then on Judas watched for an **opportunity** to hand him over.

### **John 13:21 (NIV)**

After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "*I tell you the truth, one of you is going to **betray** me.*"

### **John 13:27-28 (NIV)**

<sup>[27]</sup> As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. "*What **you** are about to **do**, do quickly,*" Jesus told him,

<sup>[28]</sup> but no one at the meal **understood** why Jesus said this to him.

**John 13:31 (NIV)**

When he was gone, Jesus said, "*Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him.*"

**Matthew 27:3-5 (NIV)**

<sup>[3]</sup> When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was **condemned**, he was seized with **remorse** and **returned** the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders.

<sup>[4]</sup> "I have **sinned**," he said, "for I have betrayed **innocent blood**." "What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your **responsibility**."

<sup>[5]</sup> So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and **hanged himself**.

**When we barter with God  
rather than surrender,  
we are responsible  
for the outcome.**

**When we surrender,  
God takes responsibility  
for the outcome of the journey.**

**The responsibility  
is to surrender**

**The end of the day  
Judas**