

## **Episode 4: The Same Coin**

This episode exposes the frustration that Judas has with Jesus. We see Judas getting upset and leaving the Last Supper and even sharing his frustrations with Jesus directly. Judas has a plan for Jesus and things are not going the way he wants. Let's dive into the episode and scripture to learn more.

### *Last Supper Clip*

This episode gives us a taste of the traditional Passover activities as we see the disciples state the Dayenu and start to eat some bread and bitter herbs. It's interesting because we know that only the disciples were at the Last Supper, but we get to see Joanna, Zebedee, Tamar, Mary and Lazarus take part as well in their own Seder meal. All Jewish people have a Seder meal during Passover.

- After the disciples go around and say the Dayenu (if \_\_\_\_\_ it would have been enough), Jesus tells John that someone will betray him and a sign is who he gives the bread to, which was Judas. He also says to Judas to do what he is going to do quickly.
  - John 13:21-30 (ESV) <sup>21</sup> After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you one of you will betray me." ....<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup> Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "what you are going to do, do quickly."
- Judas gets upset and leaves the supper. Then Jesus shares a new commandment with the disciples, to love one another.
  - John 13:34-35 (ESV) <sup>34</sup> "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
  - Do your daily actions show others that you are a disciple of Christ? How can you better show love for others on a daily basis?

After the Last Supper Clip, Peter and Judas are talking. Judas expresses his frustrations with Peter. He was not happy with Jesus' response when Jesus was asked about paying taxes. He wants Jesus to do more and win over more followers. Peter says that Judas is focused on his ideas and not Jesus. Wow! Did that hit home for you as well? How many times do we ask God for what we want, what we think is best? Have you felt yourself doing this lately? Is there something that you need to confess to God?

Peter also points out that Judas is focused on himself. He is focused on what he wants Jesus to do and his ideas, not on what Jesus has planned. Do you ever find yourself focused more on yourself than Jesus? What can you do to change this mindset? Are there daily routines or changes you need to make in your life?

This episode also shows the turmoil that Jesus is creating with the Sanhedrin and Pharisees. Caiaphas wants to quietly arrest Jesus as the Pharisees plan is to catch Jesus in his words and stump him. However, as we saw in the last episode, this did not work. Caiaphas has another plan, but he needs to act quickly as the Passover is quickly approaching. In the following episodes we will see his plan play out.

Although this is not stated in scripture, we see Jesus and Judas talking together. Judas directly addresses his concerns with Jesus. He warns that things could go poorly very soon and expresses his confusion as to why he was chosen as a disciple. He doesn't think that Jesus is using his full giftings and he is looking for what his purpose is. Have you felt like things haven't gone the way you wanted and you're not using all of your God-given gifts? Have you searched for your purpose and feel you just can't find it?

It is really hard when you feel you don't have a purpose or you are searching for your purpose. I love what Jesus says to Judas though, he says Jesus just wants his heart. When Jesus has our heart, our purpose will follow. Jesus will lead us to our purpose when we seek him and his will. Will you give your heart to Jesus? In the space below, write out a prayer to Jesus giving him your heart and asking him for your purpose. Then in the following days, continue to pray and listen to God and he will reveal it to you.

Jesus takes the disciples and leaves Jerusalem and heads to Bethany. On his way he gets hungry, sees that the fig tree has no figs, as it is not fig season. He curses the tree! Sounds harsh, but of course this will be another learning opportunity for those disciples. More to come in the next episode.

- Mark 11:12-14 (ESV) <sup>12</sup> On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. <sup>13</sup> And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. <sup>14</sup> And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.
- This is also mentioned in Matthew 21:18-19

This is not stated in scripture, but Jesus eats with the women and asks them to keep their distance from him. They then have their own meal and the women have prepared a Dayenu for him. What they state is personal, grateful and touching. They are expressing their gratitude to Jesus for the impact he has had in their lives. Give it a try below. Write what you are thankful for Jesus doing in your life. I have completed the first one as an example.

If (you had only given me a wonderful daughter and family) it would have been enough.

If \_\_\_\_\_ it would have been enough.

If \_\_\_\_\_ it would have been enough.

If \_\_\_\_\_ it would have been enough.

Jesus has done so much in our lives. We have so much to be thankful for and there is not enough praise that would express how wonderful he is. Take some time to continue to thank Jesus for all that he has done for you.

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*Jesus talks with John about a story in Judges 11:30-40 of Jephthah killing his only daughter based on a vow to the Lord. Check out the Old Testament reference!*

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