

“WORD OF LIFE”

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36. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (16) – In the Fulfillment of the OT Prophecies

N 26. The One **Betrayed** by His Friend Who Sold Him for Thirty Pieces of Silver

N 27. The **Smitten** Shepherd

Hymns: # 1097 / Christ gave Himself up for Me out of Love / #30

✝ “...the words which I have spoken to you are **spirit** and are **life**” (John 6:63)

BETRAYED

[Prophecy]

- Psa. 41:9** - Even my familiar friend, in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, has **lifted** his heel **against me**.
Zech. 11:12 - And I said to them, If it is good in your sight, give me my wages; but if not, do not bother.
So they weighed out my wages, **thirty pieces of silver**.

[Fulfillment]

- John 13:18** - I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen, but that the Scripture may be **fulfilled**,
“*He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.*”
Mark 14:18 - And as they were reclining *at table* and eating, Jesus said,
Truly I say to you that one of you will **betray** Me, one who is eating with Me.
Matt. 26:15 - And said, What are you willing to give me, and I will deliver Him to you?
And they weighed out to him **thirty pieces of silver**.

SMITTEN

[Prophecy]

- Zech. 13:7** - Awake, O sword, against My **Shepherd**, And against the man who is My Fellow, Declares Jehovah of hosts.
Strike the Shepherd, That the sheep may be scattered; And I will turn My hand upon the little ones.

[Fulfillment]

- Matt. 26:31** - Then Jesus said to them, You will all be stumbled because of Me this night, for it is **written**,
“*I will **smite** the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.*”

✝ “...to **reveal** His Son in me...” (Gal. 1:16a)

❖ Christ is the one **betrayed** by his friend who **sold** him for thirty pieces of silver.

- This was **prophesied** in Psalms 41:9 and Zechariah 11:12
- And then it was **fulfilled** in John 13:18 at the time the Lord Jesus washed His disciples’ feet.
 - referring to the **betrayal** of the **Lord** by Judas
- The Lord in Mark 14:18, spoke of being **betrayed**, as He and the disciples were eating of the Passover feast
 - as a slave the Lord was **sold** for **thirty pieces of silver**

❖ Christ was the **smitten** Shepherd

- Zechariah 13:7 **prophesied** concerning Christ as the **smitten** shepherd:
 - “... **smite** the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.”
- The **fulfillment** of Zechariah 13:7 is found in **Matthew 26:31**:
 - when Christ came as a man to be the **Shepherd**, He was **rejected**, **betrayed**, and **sold**
 - not only was He rejected and betrayed by men, but He was even **smitten** by God
 - the **Lord** was the **Shepherd**, and the disciples were the **sheep** who were to be scattered
 - all the disciples said that they would not deny Him, eventually, what they did was the reverse

✝ “...let all the peoples **speak praise** to Him ...” (Rom. 15:11)

✝ According to Exodus 21:32, a **slave** was priced at thirty pieces of silver. **Christ** was **priced** as a slave, and **Judas betrayed** Him for this price, **selling** Him for thirty pieces of silver. Christ is the one **betrayed**, **sold** for thirty pieces of silver, and was killed on the cross for our redemption.

✚ When **Christ** came as a man to be the **Shepherd**, He was **rejected**, **betrayed**, and **sold** for thirty pieces of silver. However, not only was He rejected and betrayed by men, but He was even **smitten** by God. Christ was sold for thirty pieces of silver by men, but following that He was smitten on the **cross** by God Himself.

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Hymn 1097	Christ gave Himself up for Me out of Love	Hymn 30
<p>1 O Lord, our Lord, how excellent Thy name in all the earth! Let every people, tribe, and tongue Proclaim its boundless worth. Out of the mouth of little ones Thou hast established praise, That Thou may still Thine enemy And swiftly end his days.</p> <p>2 When we the universe behold, The work of Thy great hand— The moon and stars which Thou ordained By lofty wisdom planned; O what is man that Thou should’st care That Thou should’st mindful be? The son of man Thou visitest In Thine economy.</p> <p>3 O Jesus Lord, Thou art that man, The One who joined our race, Who put upon Himself the flesh And took a lower place. But now with glory Thou art crowned, With sovereignty complete. Now through Thy Body Thou dost rule With all beneath Thy feet.</p> <p>4 Thine incarnation, rising too, And Thy transcendency, Thy Lordship, Headship, kingdom full, And Body here we see. By all these steps of work divine Thou hast established praise. With overflowing hearts to Thee Our joyful voice we raise.</p> <p>5 Oh, soon that blessed day shall come— All tongues these words shall peal! But in the local churches now We have a foretaste real. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent Thy name in all the earth! Let every people, tribe, and tongue Proclaim its boundless worth.</p>	<p>1 What kind of person would die for my sin? Someone more perfect than all men have been. Someone who did not deserve death, my due, Bridging the gap that brought curse to all men.</p> <p>Chorus Christ on the cross was a man without sin, Living, while dying, by virtues within, Virtues expressing divine attributes, His life, most valued by God, shown therein.</p> <p>2 Christ chose the friend who betrayed Him for gain; Loved Peter still, though he’d sworn at His name; Mutely faced hatred from those who’d defame; Saved one who mocked Him but later felt shame.</p> <p>3 For the transgressors while dying Christ prayed, “Father, forgive them,” this prayer for us made. “They do not know what they’re doing,” He said. God’s tender mercy and love He displayed.</p> <p>4 Dying, in pain, Christ saw Mary bereaved. Still, in compassion, He cared for her need— “Behold your mother” and “Behold your son”— She from that hour by John was received.</p> <p>5 What shall we say then for all of these things? God’s Son was raised by the Father, approved. Seated at God’s right, the Lord Himself brings Me to the Father, all distance removed.</p> <p>6 Were I the only one e’er to be born, Christ would have given Himself, still, in love. He lived and died making all of us one, His life and living God’s gift from above.</p>	<p>1 What love Thou hast bestowed on us, We thank Thee from our heart; Our Father, we would worship Thee And praise for all Thou art.</p> <p>2 Thy heart Thou hast revealed to us, Made known th’ eternal will; Within the Son Thou hast come forth, Thy purpose to fulfill.</p> <p>3 Thou gavest Thy beloved Son In love to come and die, That we may be Thy many sons, As heirs with Him, made nigh.</p> <p>4 Through Him we have Thy very life And Thou our Father art; Thy very nature, all Thyself, Thou dost to us impart.</p> <p>5 Thy Spirit into ours has come That we may “Abba” cry; Of Spirit born, with Spirit sealed, To be transformed thereby.</p> <p>6 The many sons to glory brought Is Thine eternal goal, And to Thy Son’s own image wrought, Thou wilt conform the whole.</p> <p>7 Throughout Thy transformation work Thou dost direct each one, From glory unto glory bring Until the work is done.</p> <p>8 What love Thou, Father, hast bestowed; We’ll ever grateful be; We’ll worship Thee forevermore And praise unceasingly.</p>