

## 30 Pieces of Silver

### **Introduction**

30 Pieces of silver was the value placed on Y'shua's life by the Sanhedrin. Or, was it? When we read through story of Judas' betrayal of Y'shua, it is easy to become enraged over Y'shua's life being valued at 30 pieces of silver. Yet, I believe earthly men did not derive the price paid to Judas' and in actuality, was the plan of God.

### **Y'shua's Triumphal Entry**

Y'shua's entry into Jerusalem was like never before. In fact, it enraged the Sanhedrin so much, that for three days they conspired against him until Judas came forward.

*When they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied there and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:*

*"Say to the daughter of Zion,  
'Behold your King is coming to you,  
Gentle, and mounted on a donkey,  
Even on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"*

*The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them, and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats. Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road. The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting,*

*"Hosanna to the Son of David;  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;  
Hosanna in the highest!"*

*When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" 11 And the crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee." (Matthew 21:1-11)*

*"As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' you say, 'The Lord has need of it'; and immediately he will send it back here." They went away and found a colt tied at the door, outside in the street; and they untied it. Some of the bystanders were saying to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They spoke to them just as Jesus had told them, and they gave them permission. They brought the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it; and He sat on it. And many spread their coats in the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. Those who went in front and those who followed were shouting:*

*“Hosanna!  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;  
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David;  
Hosanna in the highest!”* (Mark 11:1-10)

*“After He had said these things, He was going on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.*

*When He approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you; there, as you enter, you will find a colt tied on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of it.’” So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord has need of it.” They brought it to Jesus, and they threw their coats on the colt and put Jesus on it. As He was going, they were spreading their coats on the road. As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, shouting:*

*“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord;  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”*

*Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” But Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!”* (Luke 19:28-40)

There were crowds surrounding Y’shua as He was led into Jerusalem and they shouted the entry of the Passover Lamb. When you read these passages carefully, the crowds were not shouting for the lambs coming into Jerusalem. By the Spirit they recognized the Son of God and announced Him!

### **Preparation for Y’shua’s Passover Seder**

The four passages that speak of preparation for Y’shua’s Passover Seder are very detailed, including Luke. According to Exodus 12, the institution of Passover, Y’shua fulfilled the entirety.

*Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?” And He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, “My time is near; I am to keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.”’” The disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover. (Matthew 26:17-19)*

*On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was being sacrificed, His disciples said to Him, “Where do You want us to go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?” And He sent two of His disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him; and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is My guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My*

*disciples?’’ And he himself will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; prepare for us there.’’ The disciples went out and came to the city, and found it just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover. (Mark 14:12-16)*

*Then came the first day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. And Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, ‘‘Go and prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it.’’ They said to Him, ‘‘Where do You want us to prepare it?’’ And He said to them, ‘‘When you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house that he enters. And you shall say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, ‘‘Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?’’’ And he will show you a large, furnished upper room; prepare it there.’’ And they left and found everything just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover. (Luke 22:7-13)*

Y’shua ate with the disciples in the same way the children of Israel did in Egypt. He kept Passover the way it had been commanded, to slaughter the lambs at twilight on the 14<sup>th</sup> and eat the meal. That very next day, he was crucified.

### **What is the Symbolism?**

In the beginning man was given dominion over the earth. The world was his to rule and reign over. Then, through Adam’s failure to redeem his wife and subsequent disobedience to God, Adam gave his authority over the earth to Satan.

Until Y’shua, dominion over the earth belonged to Satan, which is why he offered it to Y’shua during the temptation. However, Y’shua came to not only redeem us, but also to redeem the dominion of the earth back to Him.

Y’shua was and is the first born of the Father and as such had to be redeemed according to Torah, by His Father. He also had to be redeemed from the plans of man unto the plans of the Father. The Lord redeems His son through the betrayal of Judas, for thirty pieces of silver, exactly as Torah prescribes! The Lord’s plan can now be fulfilled.

The next day, Y’shua is crucified, and by twilight of the 15<sup>th</sup>, WE ARE FREE!!! Just as it was in Egypt, so it was with Y’shua! The enemy was defeated, dominion over the earth restored to Y’shua, and we were released from spiritual Egypt!

Then, three days later, Y’shua rose from the grave, conquering death, and presenting himself and the first fruits of the resurrection to His Father, as our High Priest. He finalized our freedom by presenting the first fruits of what He had just gained, the requirement of first fruits!

Y’shua is the ultimate Passover lamb fulfilling every aspect of Torah. And tonight, we celebrate our redemption from Spiritual Egypt and His victory over Death and the Grave!