

THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER

Do we ever stop to consider the symbolism of actions and notations? What the underlying messages mean and the lessons we learn from symbolism? When one gets older the cognitive thinking becomes more heightened and elevated as you become more introspective.

One of my latest “Ah Hah!” moments is comprehending the symbolism of the “thirty pieces of silver“, where back in the biblical times Jesus Christ was betrayed by one of his disciples (Judas) for thirty pieces of silver. Let us break down step by step the phenomenal of this action. The numbers thirty (30) and thirty one (31) represent the completion of an action – note that Jesus died at age 31 which represents the completion of his task on earth. In modern days you will note that for the better part there are thirty to thirty one days in each month for any given calendar year.

Judas received thirty pieces of silver and when he realized his actions he tried to give the money to the Temple to absolve his horrendous guilt, however the priests refused it and used it towards buying a “potter’s grave” where foreigners or poor persons were buried. The guilt was so overwhelming Judas Iscariot hung himself for his treacherous betrayal of Jesus Christ.

Therefore there are two important lessons derived from this story – betrayal for a singular selfish cause, that can disrupt the greater good of the whole and one of coming to an end. The thirty pieces of silver is symbolic to the completion of the act. This subsequently led to Judas taking his own life when he recognized his own act of betrayal.

Thirty pieces of silver was such a paltry sum for such a life altering betrayal, where in today’s society would only be worth only US\$324.60 as at May 20th 2013. This figure was derived by making the assumption that in biblical times these coins were tertradachmas (the currency of the day) and when measured would translate to 15 troy ounces thus valued at US\$324.60.

How many times in modern society do people sell each other out for “30 pieces of silver” – what are the long term benefits, what are the long term devastations. Have we stopped to examine the long term devastation for the actions (such as wars) to benefit a few? Have we stopped to examine the dislocation of millions of our global citizens to benefit a few, not to mention those in between who get caught up in the “hype” for the “thirty pieces of silver”.

Betrayal is an age old game that mankind has learned to live with and has the ability to rationalize the guilt away! What many do not factor is, what do they do when their “number thirty” comes up? Are you willing to face the consequences of your actions when confronted – do you think you will have the luxury of willing it away

Walk Good!!!!!!!!!!!!!!