

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes	10:00 A.M.
Worship Service	11:00 A.M.
Worship Service	6:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes	7:00 P.M.
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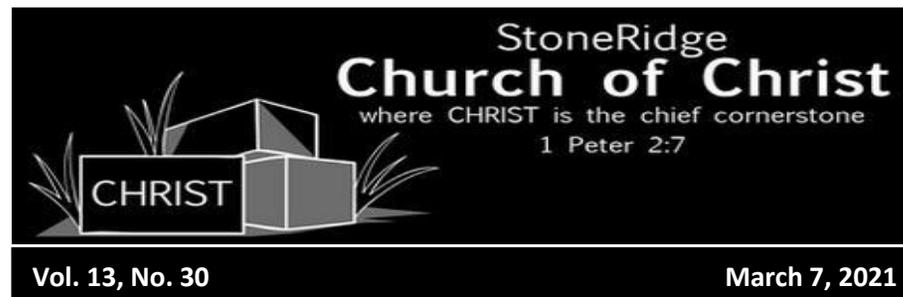
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Thirty Pieces of Silver

What was going on in Judas's mind when he sold Jesus for a measly sum of 30 pieces of silver? Did his greed convince him to choose a small sum of money over Jesus' life?

I'm convinced Judas believed Jesus could have escaped miraculously or through some other method (Luke 4:30). Any one who can walk on water can walk through walls (John 20:19). Or, possibly that Jesus would be freed upon being declared innocent, as Pilate originally discovered in the only legal trial and tried to do (Luke 23:13-17).

This means Judas thought Jesus could take care of His situation - and Jesus could have even called 10,000 angels (Matthew 26:53). No harm done, and Judas could make a little extra money. That is the attitude of many today. No harm in our messed up priorities. In the end, won't Jesus take care of everything?

Don't get me wrong, grace can cover anything God wants and needs. But did God design the role of grace to cover us selling out our Savior, selling our soul, so we can gain as much as the whole world (Matthew 16:26), or as little as 30 dollars?

When Judas saw that Jesus was condemned, he felt remorse, confessed, and returned the blood money (Matthew 27:3). I don't think Judas thought Jesus' condemnation would ever happen. Now that it did, will the chief priests and elders now sell Jesus back to Judas for 30 pieces of silver? Right then, God could have forgiven Judas through grace, but Judas didn't ask. What must have been going on in Judas' mind was that there was no coming back from selling Jesus for the price of a gored slave. Judas then killed himself. He didn't →

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understand what was going on in Jesus' mind. That is Jesus being "gored" by nails on the cross was worth more than 30 pieces of silver, even for Judas. It was and still is, worth our eternal souls.+++

"She Speaks Her Truth"

It is becoming common to hear people speak of others as speaking "their truth," as if truth is flexible. I have my truth and you have your truth. "Murphy Brown speaks her truth." Our truths may contradict each other, but supposedly they are our truths. That is a strange way to get around the fact that many people are intentionally lying, others are mistaken, confused, misinformed, trying to wrap lies up in more palatable packaging. Truth is factual and informed.

Pilate did not have his "truth" and Jesus had His truth. Jesus had THE truth, and He was THE TRUTH, but Pilate was in error, and took a wrong view of what to do with Jesus. God's word is truth (John 17:17). If a teaching or idea contradicts the Bible, it is a teaching that is erroneous and false. There is truth, and there is false, but everyone does not speak "their truth." They speak their ideas, which may either be true or false, but the politically correct approach is factually wrong.

Be observant of how many times you hear this idea of "he speaks his truth." It is more actual nonsense. People speak what is so (true) and what is NOT SO (untrue), and we need to search the scriptures daily to find out what is so (Acts 17:11), and, as a result of knowing the truth (John 8:30-31), we will know that many things are our misinformed ideas. It is very important to avoid getting sucked into the culture of "everybody speaks their truth." Truth is not flexible like that! +++

Gnosticism and Today's Sexless Sex-filled Philosophy

An interesting parallel: The Gnostic "Gospel of Thomas" preached an androgynous reality. It has Jesus saying concerning entering the kingdom, "...when you make the male and the female into a single one, so that the male will not be male and the female (not) be female...." Gnosticism is a philosophy based upon a higher knowledge given to the few. Today, worldly wisdom purports a transgender reality, sex changes are even offered as part of the

healthcare at Brown University, and homosexuality among men and women is glorified. The delusion is mankind always thinks he is wiser than God and what God reveals. Nothing changes whether under the guise of religion such as Gnosticism, or anti-religion secularism. Isn't it frightening how both religion and anti-religion teach the same thing? That's because false religion is not Christ's religion. –Perry Hall

News/Notes/Quotes

THE SICK. Linda Ladyman had eye surgery last week in Little Rock and is now back at home... **Shutins: Beverly Allen** is confined at home... **Charles Bradsher** is at St. Elizabeth's Place... **Gail Brooks** has been unable to assemble... **Shirley Coots** is confined at Walnut Ridge Nursing Home... **Elizabeth Keller** is at The Springs Nursing Home. **Editha Kern** is at Liberty Park Assisted Living. **Bob** and **Jean Evans** have been confined at home.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

April 4-9, 2021 – STONERIDGE! – Mickey Galloway
October 3-8 – STONERIDGE! – Wayne Fancher

THE TIMES, THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'. Ready for a time change? Ready or not, here it comes. Next Sunday at 2 am we are to set our clocks **forward** by one hour as we begin daylight savings time.



Man is the only creature that blushes. Or needs to.

People have one thing in common. They are all different.

One of the worst mistakes you can make as a gardener is to think you're in charge.

God gives every bird its food, but He does not throw it into the nest

If you live for the next world, you get this one in the deal; but if you live only for this world, you lose them both.

