

HOW MANY COINS?

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LYRICS

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Album: Amazing Lord 'n' Life

God's prophecy of that the Good Shepherd He would send-- Jesus-- would be betrayed FOR 30 COINS is often forgotten. Zechariah 11, verse 12 predicts the words of Judas Iscariot: "Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages 30 pieces of silver... " In verse 13, God foretells the events of Matthew 27 to come 500 years later.

"And the LORD said to me, 'Throw it to the potter'--that princely price they set on me. So I took the 30 pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter." And the entire prophecy of Zechariah, especially Chapters 10 and 11, is of the bad shepherds in the churches. Zechariah 10:3's prophecy is ASTOUNDING and EXCITING! God says, *"My anger is kindled against the shepherds, And I will punish the goatherds. For the LORD of hosts will visit His flock, The house of Judah.... "*

(New KJV)

1

How many coins would it take, for me to decide that I'd betray
a Friend Who dearly loves me, who I'd lived with for years?
How much money would it take to entice me to
stop serving my Friend and start living selfishly,
expecting my Friend's Love would always save me from my
CHOICE to betray my dear Friend..... from the
separation forever from Him?

READING AFTER VERSE 1: Matthew 26: verses 14 to 16.

"...one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him."
(New King James Version)

2

How many hours would take, for me to decide that I'd betray
Jesus who dearly loves me, so much he died for me.
How much fun will I do just for ME? Will I
stop serving Jesus and start living selfishly,
believing quite wrongly that God's Love will save me from my
CHOICE to disobey Jesus, LORD. How much
time did I waste NOT serving Him?

READING AFTER VERSE 2: Through John 15, Jesus tells us,
"You are My friends if you do whatever I command you."

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How many warnings would it take, for me to decide that I'd obey God's last command in Matthew, "Go tell the world of God's Love." How much time will I waste living for me? How many people will see hell because of ME, and others who did NOT teach God's One Way to be saved from their sins, through Christ Jesus, their True Friend..... How much time do I waste NOT warning them?

READING AFTER VERSE 3: At the end of John 15, Jesus said, "go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you."...

John 15: 26.... "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.... And you also will bear witness..... "

Song Story: The Lyrics.

The song original concept came from considering how much time I'd do serving my own happiness at the expense of time that could have been done for God's music ministry.... and then how much money I'd spend on things for me, and on..... Written with my deepest apologies to our LORD Who deserve our everything... Who deserves MY everything.... See also the song "God Before All," written 4 weeks later.

Song Story: The Music.

The story behind the Coins.... which inspired the initial thoughts of this song's concept.... is actually amusing. I was walking on a large sidewalk in front of a huge bookstore that was about to close. Dozens of people were going in and out, but no one was paying any attention to what they were walking around..... about two dozen large flat washers. From a distance they looked like quarters scattered around the sidewalk along a 4-foot path. I looked, waited, watched --- no one seemed to care about them. So finally I gathered up all the washers into my pocket and then continued my book quest.

This was my last stop before going to my main recording studio, so we recorded me "playing with" the washers, dropping them onto a cloth, dropping them into a box, and so on for a future sound track. At the time, I had no idea what to use the sounds for.... but I kept them in mind for a number of months, asking God for some parable song if He wanted. And then one day I suddenly had an "ah-ha--- *THAT'S how I can use them to serve God!*" moment. An idea from Him that still amazes me as I listen to this heartbreaking story of what Jesus went through, and how we treat His dear friendship and sacrifice so carelessly sometimes.....