

## Easter Wednesday 2021

### Reflect

What does it mean to betray someone? Why does betrayal hurt? Why can greed lead to betrayal?

### Watch

Watch the following clip and reflect on how the different characters in the story must have been feeling. <https://youtu.be/R2eY3eP-mxs>

### Read

Read the Bible story in Matthew 26:14-16. What is going on and why is this a very significant time?

### Respond

Holy Wednesday is often referred to as a day of rest for Jesus. While in Bethany, a woman anointed Jesus' feet with perfume. While Jesus rests in Bethany at the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, the plot of the high priest and the authorities to kill Jesus is in full swing.

Judas went to the chief priests and authorities, "and from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him." He would soon betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, and the twelve disciples would run away and leave Jesus. **Why are some people so driven by money and greed? Why is this so dangerous? How do you think Judas felt?**

### Listen

Listen to this track from The Jungle Book. Imagine how Judas was tempted to betray Jesus. Who persuaded him? <https://youtu.be/vDs57R6MYsY>

### Act

The stage is being set for the final drama of Jesus' mission. Judas has gone to the chief priests to make a deal for handing Jesus over to them. Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty silver coins despite Jesus being his friend. He betrayed the trust of someone who loved and valued him.

**Jesus knew that Judas was going to betray him yet he still stood by him. What does this tell you about Jesus? How do you show that you love others? Take time to let those you love and care for know that you really value them.**

### Pray

Dear Lord, As we journey through Holy Week with you, help us to challenge things that we know are wrong. Help us to act and react in a calm way and strengthen us we try to follow in your footsteps.

Amen