

In God We Trust

# More Than Meets the Eye

Whenever you deal with Jesus you deal with one who always seems to have more on his mind, is focused on something larger than the current circumstances, and has an agenda beyond the temporal concern that the occasion was initially about. This must of course be the basic place from which as believers must operate in faith. Whatever is going on, it's about more than that. Therefore, anytime we assume that all that we see is all that there is, we are operating from other a non-God or anti-god premise.

# Jesus Offers More than Meets The Eye

- Judas' Betrayal
- Mary's Anointing
- Healing Miracles
- Palm Sunday
- Good Friday
- Resurrection Sunday
- Ascension

# Luke 18:18-23

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<sup>18</sup> A certain ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother.'

- " <sup>21</sup> He replied, "I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>23</sup> But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich.

## Luke 18:24-30

<sup>24</sup> Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?”

- <sup>27</sup> He replied, “What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.”<sup>28</sup> Then Peter said, “Look, we have left our homes and followed you.”<sup>29</sup> And he said to them, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,<sup>30</sup> who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.”

# Jesus is Presenting the True Offerings

- Jesus Offers Freedom From Legalism and Pride
- Jesus Offers Treasure in Heaven
- Jesus Offers Apostleship
- Jesus Offers Kingdom Citizenship
- Jesus Offers Freedom From Domination
- Jesus Offers Miracle Working Power
- Jesus Offers Return On Investment on Earth and in Eternity

# Trusting the Master vs. Money

- Gas Crisis
- Reagonomics, Double Digit Interest Rates
- Urban Decay, Dot.com Boom and Bust
- Housing Boom and Bust
- Wall Street Boom and Bust – Great Recession