

What Do Health Care and Judas Have in Common?

I typed this up in response to a question my brother asked and I wanted to share it with you.

Some months ago, I was pondering the issues of the day. I always view everything in the light of the battle between good and evil. To understand the issues of the day, I try to see them in this light. The passage in Mt 26:6-13 came to mind and in an instant was given the understanding as to why the church is being deceived on this issue of social justice. This is the understanding I received:

The passage is the story of the anointing of Jesus at Bethany with the expensive oil. The oil was worth close to a year's wages. The disciples protested the use of the oil in this way and were "indignant." They believed that it would have been better for the oil to be sold and the money given to the poor. Their hearts were convicted with the desire and belief in social justice. Jesus, however, did not share this conviction. He chastised them and pointed out that what she did was not a bad thing. The scripture goes on to say "Then...Judas Iscariot went off to the chief priests and said, 'what are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you....'" The word "then" implies that Judas' actions were a consequence of this discourse at Bethany. Judas was a firm believer in one's duty to help the poor. He was so convicted with this that it finally superseded his loyalty to Jesus. Jesus had just approved of the wasting of an entire year's wages rather than giving the money to the poor. This was the last straw for Judas. He made up his mind to hand Jesus over to His enemies and went to the chief priests and made his infamous deal.

Satan uses patterns. He tempts us with something and then, if he succeeds in making us fall into sin, he repeats that temptation over and over - if it worked once there's a pretty good chance it will work again. Judas, as one of the twelve apostles spent close to three years by the side of Jesus. Day after day, he listened to Jesus, ate with Him, prayed with Him, walked with him, sat by His side. He knew Jesus in a way we can only dream about, yet Satan succeeded in confusing him to such an extent that Judas was willing to hand Jesus over to His death. How much easier will it be for Satan to confuse the apostles and disciples of this day?

And what was the temptation that worked to deceive even one so close to Jesus? The duty one has to help the poor. Satan uses a truth and then twists it just enough to deceive us into thinking we are doing the right thing. We do have a duty to help the poor. Today this duty has been coined in political lingo as Social Justice. It is the underlying premise behind socialism and communism. It is not just, not right, for some to have in excess while others are in need, therefore it is our just duty to create a society that corrects these injustices... and we end up in socialism or even communism. And so it was Judas' conviction towards his belief in Social Justice that finally turned him into The Betrayer. One of the twelve was willing to hand the son of God over to crucifixion – to repeat the pattern Satan has license to lead astray one twelfth of the apostles of today (the bishops and priests,) they will fall away into this deception.

When I studied theology at Leuven, the theologians spoke of “Liberation Theology.” It is a theological position that uses the premise that Jesus had a preferential option for the poor and therefore in following His example we too have such a duty to support Social Justice in the society in which we live. (I used to argue with my professors that Jesus did NOT have a preferential option for the poor, he had a preferential option for the sinner. He came to for the lost sheep, the sinners, to liberate the captives – the captives to sin – he didn’t come to liberate the poor. They couldn’t argue with the validity of my point, they just chose to ignore it.) Liberation Theology is the application of Marxist socialist/communist ideologies but with a scriptural backing justifying the establishment of such regimes. Liberation Theology was soundly condemned by Ratzinger in the days that he was the reviewing authority on the matter. It was exposed and condemned as communism cloaked in Christianity. This healthcare issue is liberation theology all over again. But this time it is in baby steps. Just start with our duty to provide healthcare to the poor. Later we will expand it to our duty to provide education, clothing, housing That is why, in my estimation, the healthcare debate is no different than the liberation theology debate. We are using the social justice argument to justify the support of health care. However, I find it very curious that as Pope he would support the very ideology he so clearly condemned prior to being Pope.

Another curious insight: when the infamous vote took place, it had to be done on that particular Sunday – it couldn’t wait even until the next business day. That Sunday just happened to be the Sunday before Palm Sunday. Now, I believe times and dates gain spiritual significance and power. Just as 3:00 PM is the Hour of Mercy because that is the hour Jesus died on the cross and special graces are available for the asking at that hour, especially 3:00PM on Good Friday.... And 3:00 AM is the “witching hour” the special time Satanists and witches use for their activity.... (as I think it was Fr. Corapi explained as a side note in one of his talks...) Also holy days etc. are days of special significance and graces. Could it be possible that the dinner at Bethany also occurred the Sunday before Palm Sunday? Could it be that Satan needed to use the anniversary of that event because on that day he had a little more power than usual since it was the occasion of his victory over one of the twelve? I wouldn’t be surprised. One thing I have learned, there are no coincidences.

Just as Judas, in his conviction towards social justice, handed Jesus over to be crucified, so too the politicians have handed Christians and Christianity in this country over to be crucified in the name of social justice. The passing of health care in this country brings Christians one step closer to their "passion and crucifixion" in this country.

God Bless,

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