

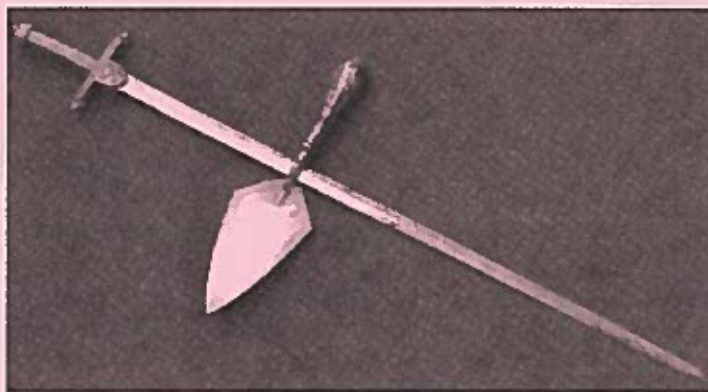
# The Sword and Trowel

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We intend to build and defend: *"As for the builders, everyone had his sword girded by his side and so builded."* Nehemiah 4:18

## Mary and Judas

In **Matthew** chapter 26, Mary and Judas are set in stark contrast to one another. Though she is not named here, it is Mary who anoints Jesus with the expensive oil. The disciples complain about this pretending to be concerned about the poor. John tells us that Judas led the way in this complaint. He also tells us that Judas was not concerned about the poor, but he was a thief who was stealing from the treasury. His reason for complaining was that he wanted the money, or at least a portion of it, for himself. It is right after this that Judas goes to the chief priests and hatches a plan to betray Jesus.

Both Judas and Mary were blessed to spend a great deal of time with Jesus personally. Both had benefitted from His teaching, example and miracles. But how they responded to that is strikingly different. Consider this contrast:

1. She held Jesus in great value and gave.
2. He held Him in low value and stole.
3. She asked, "What can I give Jesus?"
4. He asked, "What are you willing to give me?"
5. (Neither negotiated over the price.)
6. She did good for Jesus.
7. He looked for an opportunity to betray Him.
8. She was grateful for what Jesus had done for her.
9. He was indignant that Jesus had not done more for him.
10. She anointed His head and feet, wiping His feet with her hair as a servant.
11. He betrayed Him with a kiss, while "stabbing Him in the back".
12. She loved Jesus and had sympathy for Him.
13. He despised Jesus and had no sympathy for Him, Mary or the poor.
14. She was the instrument of heaven in preparing for His burial.
15. He was the instrument of hell in betraying Him.
16. She will be remembered for her lavish act of love and devotion in the whole world.
17. He will be remembered for his selfish act of treachery and treason in the whole world.

The truth is that we all have access to the example and teachings of Jesus through the written Word. Every day we decide whether to be a Mary or a Judas. There is life and death in this choice. Choose wisely.

Terry Carter, Evangelist

## COMING EVENTS

- September 19                      King's Kids – 7:00 P.M. – This will be the last Wednesday class. However, meet at 5:00 P.M. September 23 to prepare a revival special.
- September 26                      Youth for Truth begins – 7:00 P.M.
- September 28-29                  L.E.A.P. session at Summit Theological Seminary with Kendall Faull teaching Calvinism
- September 30-October 3        Grissom Fall Revival with Josh Stucki. If you wish to send a card, his address is: 106 W. Clarence St. in Callao, MO 63534

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Dee Mulligan (meds making her hallucinate) Karen VanNote (Brenda's mom) – health failing Heather Bowman (Frieda's daughter) Summit School of Preaching Jordan & Anna Lynch (preparing for move & her pregnancy) Christians around the world being persecuted Jordan Lynch (desires to start a Praising in the Park ministry) Bonnie Barnhill (deployed to Africa for 7 months) Emma Grace (Terry & Lisa's granddaughter) – continued recovery Mark Whitsett (paralyzed from accident & for salvation) Patty Anderson (serious health problems) Beth Northrop – rheumatoid arthritis our evangelist, elders & deacons (& their families) Harold Bouthot Church of Christ at Monticello & Buffalo Church of Christ Nancy Maggard	George Faull Larrie Petty (migraines) Donna Hower Chris Ponchot (Roann church) – spiritual issues Reyna Christensen & Crystal Cain Jeff VanCuren (continued recovery) Kendall Faull (life situations) Steve Emerick – lung problems ladies' Bible Study our widows & widowers Frieda Bowman (to sell house) our missionaries Walt Teachout (also his son & son's mother) Angel Mercado Gary Worley
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### SERVICES

Sunday School	9:00
A.M.Church	10:00
Men's Praye3r Meeting	5:30
Women's Prayer Meeting	5:30
P.M.Evangelistic Hour	6:00
Wednesday P.M.	7:00

### ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	41
A.M.Church	92
P.M.Evangelistic Service	38
Tithes & Offerings	\$5,649
Wednesday Evening	42

*Proverb for the Week;*

*Meditate on this Proverb:*

*10:5 He that gathereth in summer is  
a wise son, but he that sleepeth in  
harvest is a son that causeth shame.*

Several women appeared in court, each accusing the others of causing the trouble they were having in the apartment building where they lived. The wise judge said, "I'll hear the oldest one first." The case was dropped by all the ladies.

There is a vast difference between putting your nose in other people's business and putting your heart in other people's problems.

To belittle is to be little.

You can tell how big a person is by the size of the thing that discourages him.

If it weren't for the optimist, the pessimist would not know how happy he isn't.

If you think that you will look back at today and laugh about it, then why not laugh today?