

The Unexpected Piece

The Bible is not a collection of disconnected stories—it is one unified story of God's plan to redeem humanity. What can feel like scattered pieces is actually a complete picture being revealed over time. For thousands of years, God was putting the pieces in place. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus bring the full picture into focus.

The Story of Scripture

- **Creation (Genesis 1–2)**
God creates a perfect world and humanity for a relationship with Him.
- **The Fall (Genesis 3)**
Sin enters the world, bringing separation and death.
- **The First Promise (Genesis 3:15)**
God promises that a Savior will come.
- **Noah and the Flood**
God preserves the line through which the Savior will come.
- **Abraham Covenant (Genesis 12, 15, 22)**
God establishes a nation that will bring forth the Savior.
- **Joseph's Betrayal (Genesis 37)**
God uses betrayal to preserve His people.
- **Passover (Exodus 12)**
The blood of a lamb saves from death—pointing to substitution.
- **The Law (Exodus–Deuteronomy)**
Reveals sin and humanity's inability to save itself.
- **The Sacrificial System (Leviticus)**
Shows that sin requires a cost—life.
- **The Tabernacle**
God's desire to dwell among His people.
- **Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7)**
The promise of a King who will reign forever.
- **The Prophets**
Foretell a suffering Savior, a coming King, and the details of His life and death.
- **Types and Shadows**
Figures like Adam, Isaac, Joseph, Moses, and David all point forward to Jesus.
- **The Virgin Birth (John 1:14)**
God steps into human history.
- **The Sinless Life of Jesus**
Jesus lives in perfect obedience, qualifying Him as the sacrifice.
- **The Betrayal**
The unexpected piece that positions Jesus for the cross.
- **The Cross**
Jesus takes the punishment for sin.
- **The Resurrection**
Confirms Jesus' identity, defeats sin and death, and brings clarity to the entire story. Without the resurrection, the story is incomplete. With it, everything makes sense.

The Unexpected Piece: Betrayal

Betrayal is not random in Scripture—it is a repeated pattern:

- Lucifer rebelled against God in heaven
- Eve doubted God in the garden
- Joseph was betrayed by his brothers
- Israel turned from God despite His faithfulness
- Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver

Betrayal is woven throughout the story, and it ultimately plays a role in God's plan of redemption. Jesus was not surprised by betrayal—He knew it would happen and used it to accomplish His purpose.

The Pattern of Betrayal

Each example shares a common thread: closeness to God.

- Lucifer was in heaven
- Eve walked with God
- Israel lived in covenant
- Judas walked with Jesus

Betrayal does not begin with distance from God—it begins in proximity.

What Leads to Betrayal

- Questioning God's goodness
- Forgetting His faithfulness
- Replacing Him with something else
- Allowing sin to go unaddressed
- Expecting God to meet personal desires instead of trusting His plan

It is possible to be close to Jesus outwardly while being distant inwardly.

The Value of Jesus

Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver—the price of a slave. This reveals how deeply he undervalued who Jesus was. Betrayal often comes from valuing something else more than Christ—whether that is position, money, relationships, or approval. This is not just Judas' story. It is a reflection of the human condition.

The same betrayal that seemed like a setback became the very thing that led to salvation.

God used what was meant for harm to accomplish redemption.

The question is not if betrayal is possible—it is where our hearts truly are.

The resurrection proves that every piece of the story, even the unexpected ones, fits into God's perfect plan.



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Thursdays @ 6:30am

Prayer and Praise 3/30

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@ 6pm

&
Roan Mountain Info Mtg
4/20 @6pm

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- Register for baptism



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