

Matt 27:1-10 Week 97

Traitors, Suicide and Bad Leaders

Matt 27:1 Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death. 2 They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor. 3 When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. 4 "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility." 5 So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself. 6 The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money." 7 So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. 8 That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. 9 Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the people of Israel, 10 and they used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me." NIV

- One must die so that we can have _____.
- Although He spoke the truth, they convicted Him of _____ and being worthy of death.
- Blasphemy is only wrong when it is _____.
- They still had two hurdles:
 1. They had to devise a way to make their decision appear _____ under rabbinical law.
 2. Because the people knew that all trials involving the death penalty had to be conducted in the _____ and in the Temple court.
- While all this solemn FARCE was being carried on the priests were blinded by _____ and _____.

Zech 11:12 And I said to them, If it seems just and right to you, give me my wages; but if not, withhold them. So they weighed out for my price thirty pieces of silver. 13 And the Lord said to me, Cast it to the potter [as if He said, To the dogs!]-the munificently [miserable] sum at which I [and My shepherd] am priced by them! And I [Zechariah] took the thirty pieces of silver and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.

Judas, the Traitor

Judas's _____

- Judas hoped to reap position, prestige, _____ and power in Christ's Kingdom.

Judas's Plan

- He was forcing Jesus hand for his own _____.

The Trial and What Judas Saw

- He was now a _____ to them, to the disciples, and to Jewish society in general.
- When Judas saw Jesus being abused by the religious authorities-- bound and handed over to Pilate, _____ filled his soul. Remorse that his plan _____.
- Peter had repentance and went out and wept bitterly because his _____ were impossible to keep.

Judas Final State

- No man has ever been more exposed to God's _____ truth, both in precept and example.
- No man has been more exposed firsthand to God's love, compassion, power, kindness, _____ and grace.
- No man has had more _____ of Jesus' divinity or more firsthand knowledge of the way of salvation. Yet in all of those three indescribably blessed years with Jesus, Judas did not take so much as the first step of _____.

What does Judas teach us?

1. Judas could not escape the divinely designed signal of guilt that reminds men of their sin and warns them of its _____.
2. An innate awareness of _____ and _____ is divinely built into every human being and cannot be totally erased, no matter how deep a person may fall into depravity or how consciously and rebelliously he may turn against God.
3. Man's remorse must be turned to _____.