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The Error of Judas Matthew 27:1-10 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will look at the beginning of Matthew 27. This section records Judas' response to Jesus being sent for crucifixion. Judas realizes his sin and the magnitude of what he has done. He first tries to return the silver, but he finds no sympathy from the chief priests. He throws the money down and leaves. He then fails to see any options and takes his own life. This was not Judas' only option, it never is. Join us this week as we expose the lies of Satan and talk about sin, forgiveness and trusting in Jesus.



Jesus Brought Before Pilate

1 When it was early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people plotted against Jesus to execute him. 2 They tied him up, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

Judas' Suicide

3 Now when Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus had been condemned, he regretted what he had done and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders, 4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood!" But they said, "What is that to us? You take care of it yourself!" 5 So Judas threw the silver coins into the temple and left. Then he went out and hanged himself. 6 The chief priests took the silver and said, "It is not lawful to put this into the temple treasury, since it is blood money." 7 After consulting together they bought the Potter's Field with it, as a burial place for foreigners. 8 For this reason that field 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 of the one whose price had been set by the people of Israel, 10 and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.*"

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details from this passage.

Make 10 of your own observations from this passage. Avoid jumping to make interpretive decisions or drawing applications. Save those for the sections that follow. At this point just observe this passage and what it says. Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, and what stands out to you. Look at the verbs, what actions are in the text? Who is involved in the text? There is no right or wrong answer, just list 10 things you see in the text.

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2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

1. Why do you think Judas has a change of heart about what he had done?
2. Why does Judas refer to it as innocent blood?
3. What is the significance of the 30 pieces of silver?
4. Why did the chief priest not put the silver in the treasury?
5. Why is it called the Field of Blood?
6. After Judas betrayed Jesus what options did he have left?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes