

## Matthew 27

## Matthew 27:1-25 - The King's Judgment!

Scriptures:

Luke 23:2 - And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King."

<sup>CP</sup>  
1 When morning came, all the chief priests

Notes:

During the night they had accused Jesus of blasphemy for claiming to be equal with God. Their law calls for the death penalty in cases of blasphemy. But the Romans have forbidden the Jews to execute anyone. They come up with charges they can use to convince the Romans to execute Jesus. Luke's gospel tells us what they came up with (Luke 23:2). Pilate focused on the last part, 'Are you a king?'

and elders of the people plotted against

G4824 – planned.

Jesus to put Him to death.

Scriptures:

<sup>CP</sup>  
2 And when they had bound Him, they led Him

Notes:

away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the

governor.

Scriptures:

John 13:27 - Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

John 8:44 - You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

John 10:10 - The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

<sup>J</sup> <sup>st</sup> 3 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that

<sup>st</sup> He had been condemned, was remorseful

G2632 – "to condemn (declare guilty) v. — to pronounce guilt and a punitive sentence on someone in a legal context."

G3338 – "to regret v. — to feel sad on account of something done or experienced, and wishes could have been different."

Notes:

The Bible never clearly states Judas' motivation for betraying Jesus. Both Luke and John's gospels say that Satan entered Judas during the Last Supper (Luke 22:3; John 13:27). Some have suggested that Judas was trying to force Jesus to establish His kingdom on the earth. Maybe! Once Satan possessed Judas, there was nothing he could do to stop what was coming. Once Judas completed his devilish work Satan left him and then started whispering in his ear about how wretched his betrayal was. Satan is always a liar (John 8:44) and he has but three goals for humanity (John 10:10).

and brought back the thirty pieces of silver<sup>\$</sup> to

the chief priests<sup>CP</sup> and elders,

Scriptures:

<sup>J</sup> 4 saying, "I have sinned<sup>XXX</sup> by betraying innocent

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blood." And they said, "What *is that* to us?"

<sup>J</sup> You see *to it!*

Notes:

Judas has been used by the Devil and is a broken man, much in the same way Peter was broken after his denial of Christ. Judas goes into the courts of the temple and confesses that he has sinned. He has falsely accused an innocent Man. The religious leaders of the nation of Israel respond by saying, "So! What is that to us!"

As a pastor, I can't imagine ever saying that to someone God has humbled and brought face-to-face with their sin. I believe it would be my role to help sinners get right with God. In many ways these religious leaders are no different than Satan – once they got what they wanted from Judas, they threw him away to suffer whatever fate befell him. They didn't care!

Scriptures:  
1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in

the temple and departed, and went and

hanged himself.

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Notes:  
Why did Judas hang himself? He admitted/confessed that he sinned by betraying Jesus. He hung himself because he believed he had committed an unforgivable sin. But was it unforgivable? No! He felt regret, but he hadn't repented. If Judas had repented, Jesus would have forgiven him.

God's grace and mercy are amazing. If we will confess and repent, God will forgive us (1 John 1:9). By hanging himself, Judas closed the door on God's grace and mercy. As long as there is life, there is hope!

There are a few lessons we can draw from Judas' life. 1. Someone can act like a disciple and not be saved. 2. We can be deceived in our heart and rationalize almost any behavior. 3. Just being around other believers still leaves us with the individual need to receive Christ.

Scriptures:

6 But the chief priests took the silver pieces

and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the

G1832 -  
permissible.

treasury, because they are the price of blood."

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Notes:

Scriptures:

7 And they <sup>CP</sup> consulted together and bought

Notes:

with them <sup>\$</sup> the potter's field, to bury strangers

G3581 –  
foreigners, aliens.

in.

Scriptures:

8 Therefore that field has been called the

Notes:

Field of Blood <sup>o</sup> to this day <sup>o</sup>.

Scriptures:  
Zechariah 11:12-13 - Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.  
13 And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter.

9 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by

Notes:  
There is a problem with this verse. This quote is not from Jeremiah but from Zechariah (Zechariah 11:12-13). One thought about what happened is that it may have originally read, "...spoken by the prophet..." omitting the name of the prophet and someone later inserted the name incorrectly during transcription.

Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "*And they took*

*the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him*

*who was priced, whom they of the children of*

*Israel priced,*

Scriptures:

Isaiah 46:8-11 -

Remember this, and show yourselves men; Recall to mind, O you transgressors.

9 Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other;

I am God, and there is none like Me,

10 Declaring the end from the beginning,

And from ancient times things that are not yet done,

Saying, 'My counsel shall stand,

And I will do all My pleasure,'

11 Calling a bird of prey from the east,

The man who executes My counsel, from a far country.

Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.

10 **and gave them for the potter's field, as the**

**LORD directed me."**

Notes:

This reminds us that nothing that happened to Jesus was a surprise or outside of His control. One of the things that makes the Bible believable is that it is filled with predictions, or prophecies, hundreds of them. God knows what is going to happen in the future (Isaiah 46:8-11). Many of those prophecies have been fulfilled. And not just fulfilled, fulfilled exactly the way they were predicted. And that gives us confidence in the prophecies that remain to be fulfilled – they will come to pass.

Scriptures:

John 18:33-37 - Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

34 Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?"

35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?"

36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

11 **Now Jesus stood before the governor. And**

**the governor asked Him, saying, "Are You the**

**King of the Jews?" Jesus said to him, "It is as**

**you say."**

Notes:

John's gospel gives an expanded response from Christ (John 18:33-37). Jesus is saying that He is a King, but not in the way Pilate understands. Jesus didn't come to establish His kingdom on the earth like Judas probably wanted Him to, He came to make a way for people to enter His kingdom (John 14:6).

Scriptures:

12 And while He was being accused by the

Notes:

The charges were meaningless to Christ. He was going to the cross and He didn't need to defend His honor. What was coming was foreordained by God.

chief priests and elders, He answered

nothing.

Scriptures:

13 Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear

Notes:

how many things they testify against You?"



Scriptures:  
Psalm 94:21-22 - They gather together against the life of the righteous, And condemn innocent blood.  
22 But the LORD has been my defense, And my God the rock of my refuge.

14 But He answered him not one word, so that

Notes:  
Jesus knew there was nothing that needed to be said. He knew His heavenly Father was going to take care of Him (Psalm 94:21-22).

the governor marveled greatly.

G2296 – amazed. G3029 – completely.

Scriptures:

15 Now at the feast the governor

Notes:  
Pilate is caught in a dilemma. He can see that Jesus is not guilty of anything worthy of execution. But Pilate can also see that the Jewish religious leaders are determined to see Jesus dead. Pilate was assigned the role of governor represent the interests of Rome and keep the peace in Israel. He is trying to find a way to release Jesus and keep the people of Israel from rioting.

was accustomed to releasing to the

G1486 – in the habit of. G630 -

multitude one prisoner whom they wished.

Scriptures:

16 And at that time they had a notorious

G1978 –  
“notorious adjs.  
– known widely  
and usually  
unfavorably.”

Notes:  
Barabbas was an insurrectionist and murderer. He was the worst criminal they had in prison. Pilate’s hope may have been that if they compare and contrast Barabbas and Jesus, they will choose Jesus.

prisoner called Barabbas.

Scriptures:

17 Therefore, when they had gathered

together, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you

want me to release to you? Barabbas, or

Jesus who is called Christ?”

G5547 – Messiah.

Scriptures:

18 For he knew that they had handed Him over

Notes:

because of envy.

G5355 – “envy n. —  
spite and resentment  
toward the success or  
possessions of  
another.”

Scriptures:

19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat,

Notes:

Pilate was drawn into this horrid affair early in the day. His wife was awaked later by a terrifying dream. She refers to Jesus as a just Man – a righteous Man. This further reinforces Pilate’s view that Jesus is not worthy of death.

his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to

do with that just Man, for I have suffered

G1342 –  
righteous.

G3958 -

many things today in a dream because of

Him.”

Scriptures:

20 But the chief <sup>CP</sup> priests and elders persuaded

Notes:

G3982 – start a riot.

the multitudes that they should ask for

Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

Scriptures:

21 The governor <sup>P</sup> answered and said to them, <sup>P</sup>

Notes:

“Which of the two do you want me to release

to you?” They <sup>P</sup> said, “Barabbas!”

Scriptures:

22 Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do

with Jesus who is called Christ?"

Notes:

Hatred motivated by false religious ideology is grotesque. We are seeing this same kind of hatred in many of the activist cults of our time, the abortion cult, the climate change cult, the gender ideology cult, and since October 7<sup>th</sup>, the Palestinian freedom cult. None of these are actually religious movements as we typically would understand them but the way they respond to anyone who would oppose them is just like this mob screaming at Pilate to crucify Jesus.

They all said to him, "Let Him be crucified!"

Scriptures:

23 Then the governor said, "Why, what evil has

Notes:

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He done?" But they cried out all the more,

saying, "Let Him be crucified!"

Scriptures:

24 When Pilate saw that he could not prevail

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Notes:

Pilate could not afford for a bad report to get back to Rome that he was not able to keep the people of Jerusalem from rioting.

Washing his hands was a way cleansing himself or separating himself from the whole thing. He didn't want the blood of an innocent Man on his hands. Unfortunately for Pilate, no amount of water could cleanse him of this wicked act. Only the blood of Christ could cleanse him. Sadly, history says Pilate died in his sins.

at all, but rather *that* a tumult was rising,

G2351 – “noisy tumult n. — a state of commotion and noise and confusion; especially implying the potential for riotous activities.”

he took water and washed *his* hands before

the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of the

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blood of this just Person. You see *to it*.”

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25 And all the people answered and said, “His

blood *be* on us and on our children.”

Notes:

Pilate tried to get out of the responsibility of executing an innocent Man. The Jews then gleefully took that responsibility onto themselves and their children after. I wonder how many of them would have been so quick to claim that responsibility if they knew what it was going to cost them. In 70 AD, the Roman General Titus laid siege to Jerusalem and wiped it out which began almost two thousand years of Jews being dispersed and persecuted all around the globe.

Even though they persist in their rejection of Jesus as their Messiah, God will not allow them to be destroyed. God is not done with the Jews. He has a plan to bring them into His kingdom.

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