

"A Tragic Suicide" Matthew 27:1-10

Judas had the opportunity of a lifetime in following CHRIST. He chose horribly.

1. When Judas saw that JESUS was condemned, he felt _____.

V.3 Judas:

- A. was _____ for the way it turned out.
- B. _____ of what he had done.
- C. _____ at what he had lost.
- D. was wracked by the _____ of betraying the ONE that loved him the most. BUT Judas did not _____. 2 Cor. 7:10

2. Just remember: Evil _____ about you. **V.4**

- A. Evil people will suck you in, _____ you, use you, and throw you _____ when they have what they want. Proverbs 1:8-19
- B. Satan is the master _____ and Manipulator. He is the Father of _____. John 8:44 The Devil will _____ from you, slaughter you _____, and ultimately destroy you. John 10:10

3. But Judas _____ repented. **V.5**

- A. The fact that JESUS called Judas, the _____. This didn't mean that Judas had _____ in the matter. John 17:12 His greed and thirst for _____, were his undoing.
- B. He walked into the Temple Complex hoping he could _____ what he had done. Being rebuffed Judas threw the _____ of silver (the price of a slave) onto the Temple Floor.
- C. Instead he should have repented and thrown _____ down on the mercy of GOD. Then he would have found the _____ that he desperately wanted. Proverbs 22:4

4. **Repent means to:**

- A. Confess what _____; making no excuses.
- B. Confess what _____; placing no blame anywhere else.
- C. To ask for _____ for what you've done.
- D. To _____ on how you see your Sin.
("This is wrong, evil, dark, and will destroy me.")
- E. Then _____ from your Sin. Close that door, and don't go back. Mt. 3:8,10 2 Peter 2:22
- F. Make yourself _____ to others.

* IF you don't repent of your Sin, you like Judas, will one day stand _____ before a HOLY GOD.

5. Finding no relief for his anguish, Judas listened to the demonic voices _____ at him:
"there is no _____" "you have gone _____"
"you can't be forgiven" "death would be an _____"
"GOD couldn't possibly _____ you, after betraying HIS SON"

6. Thinking that it was his _____, Judas took his life. **V.5**
A. A person has _____ to ever take their own life; no excuse.
B. This pressure is always driven by a _____, not the Holy Spirit.
C. A person that takes their own life tells GOD:
- You can't _____ me You aren't _____ enough.
- You don't _____ me. You don't have a purpose for my life.
- You don't control my life, _____. 1 Cor. 6:19-20

7. There is no _____ suicide. This is a very serious sin because of the Eternal Consequences, like:
A. the destroyed _____ that you left behind.
B. the people that you never _____, because you checked out.
C. the Eternal _____ you will never have, because you didn't Fulfill GOD's Will for your Life.
D. The glory you gave to _____, not to GOD.

8. The sad irony of the Story is
A. Judas died on a _____, just like the Savior he betrayed.
B. The Chief Priests hypocritically stated that it was improper to put _____ into the Temple Treasury, when the blood money came out of the Treasury to begin with. **V.6**
C. So they purchased land that once was a good source of clay for making _____ and turned it into a burial ground for paupers, not realizing they were the greatest spiritual paupers of all time. **V.7**
D. This ill-fated cemetery over the following years, earned the unintended nickname, "The _____." Acts 1:17-20

"The Price had been Set" V.9 (520 B.C. – Zech. 11:12-13)

You can let HIS Blood pay for your Sins.

OR you can pay the price of your Sins yourself, like Judas.