

# The Betrayal & Arrest

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## Mark 14:43-50

# Betrayal & Arrest In Gethsemane

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- The most famous story of disloyalty and betrayal in history.
- There are several explanations as to why Judas betrayed Jesus, including bribery and demonic possession.
- During the Last Supper Jesus predicted that "**one of you will betray me**" referring to Judas.
- Judas leaves the Last Supper and goes to the Roman authorities who are looking to arrest Jesus. He accepts a bribe of 30 silver and agrees to take them to Jesus.
- **Passage has 3 main scenes:**
  1. Judas leads the soldiers & priests to arrest Jesus & kisses Him
  2. Peter cuts off the ear of the servant of the high priest, and Jesus heals it, once again showing compassion in the heat of the arrest.
  3. Jesus rebukes his arrestors for cowardice and points out that this is the last attempt of the power of darkness to thwart God's plan of the Cross.

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Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<p><b>Matthew 26.47 ... 50</b> Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. <sup>51</sup> And suddenly, one of those <i>who were</i> with Jesus stretched out <i>his</i> hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.</p> <p><sup>52</sup> But Jesus said to him, <b>“Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.”</b> <sup>53</sup> <b>Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?</b> <sup>54</sup> <b>How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?”</b></p> <p><sup>55</sup> In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me...”</p> <p><sup>56</sup> Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.</p>	<p><b>Mark 14.43</b> And immediately, while He was still speaking, <b>Judas</b>, one of the twelve, <u>with a great multitude with swords and clubs</u>, came from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. <sup>44</sup> Now <b>His betrayer had given them a signal, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him and lead Him away safely.”</b></p> <p><sup>45</sup> As soon as he had come, immediately he went up to Him and said to Him, “Rabbi, Rabbi!” and <u>kissed Him</u>.</p> <p><sup>46</sup> Then they laid their hands on Him and took Him. <sup>47</sup> And one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, and <u>cut off his ear</u>.</p> <p><sup>48</sup> Then Jesus answered and said to them, <b>“Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? <sup>49</sup> I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.”</b></p> <p><sup>50</sup> Then they all forsook Him and fled.</p>	<p><b>Luke 22.47</b> <sup>47</sup> And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. <sup>48</sup> But Jesus said to him, <b>“Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”</b></p> <p><sup>49</sup> When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” <sup>50</sup> And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and <u>cut off his right ear</u>.</p> <p><sup>51</sup> But Jesus answered and said, <b>“Permit even this.”</b> And He touched his ear and healed him.</p> <p><sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, <b>“Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs? <sup>53</sup> When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”</b></p>	<p><b>John 18.2</b> And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples. <sup>3</sup> Then Judas, having received a detachment of <i>troops</i>, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. <sup>4</sup> <b>Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him</b>, went forward and said to them, <b>“Whom are you seeking?”</b></p> <p><sup>5</sup> They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.”</p> <p>Jesus said to them, <b>“I am He.”</b> And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. <sup>6</sup> Now when He said to them, <b>“I am He,” they drew back and fell to the ground.</b></p> <p><sup>7</sup> Then He asked them again, <b>“Whom are you seeking?”</b></p> <p>And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.”</p> <p><sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, <b>“I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way,”</b> <sup>9</sup> that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, <b>“Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none.”</b></p>



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- V.43 – “Judas, one of the twelve, with a crowd of men (or “Great multitude”)” – included:
  - Roman Soldiers (John 18:3, 12): 200 - 600 troops!
  - Temple Police (Mark 14:43)
  - Members of the Sanhedrin (Luke 22:52)
- Roman soldiers carried swords, Temple Police carried clubs
- Judas’s kiss – after 3 years with Jesus, this kiss makes the betrayal even worse. The kiss is said to have been a signal, probably for the Roman soldiers to identify who Jesus was (since the temple police should have recognized Him).
- **John 18:10** – it was Peter who cut off the arrestor’s ear. Peter was prepared to die right here. From Courageous when he was with Jesus, to coward when he was alone.

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- Jesus asked them why they had not arrested Him during the day as He taught in the temple. The reason was obvious, that out of fear of the people they looked for a way to arrest Him secretly. (Mark 14:2)
- The arrest occurred about 2-3 a.m., since the six trials of Jesus were completed by morning and Jesus was on the cross by 9:00 a.m. The arrest in the garden was illegal for it was done at night and was accomplished through a hired accuser.
- Jesus tells disciples to carry a sword in the future for self-defence, but then says the 2 they have is enough. Luke 22:36-38
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QLZMTmmRNWA&list=P\\_LcJVluhI8isJOKcvkIMhwj7Gv5769FqEJ&index=52](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QLZMTmmRNWA&list=P_LcJVluhI8isJOKcvkIMhwj7Gv5769FqEJ&index=52) – Luke 22 Account

## Mark 14:51-52 (Mystery of Mark)

# Young Man In Linen Cloth

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- V.51 - There is no logical reason for this seemingly small point to be mentioned in the midst of such high drama.
- Mark is the only Gospel writer who mentions this incident; and most scholars believe that he is describing himself.
- This is a very unusual incident to include in the middle of such dramatic events taking place, and it could be Mark's hidden signature in the book.
- Mark was young at this time, lived close by, loved Jesus very much and "Followed Him"
- Linen sheets are used for burial which may be significant, and the omission of the name of the person indicates a purposeful concealing for some reason.
- It's another one of the beautiful mysteries of this magnificent Gospel of Mark.

# The First Trial



# Order of Jesus' Trials

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1. Before Annas (John 18:13) (Caiaphas' Father-in-law)
2. Before Caiaphas & the Sanhedrin (Mark 14:53-65)
3. Before the Sanhedrin Again (Mark 15:1)
4. Before Pilate (Mark 15:2-5)
5. Before Herod (Luke 23:6-12)
6. Before Pilot (Mark 15:6-15)

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# Jesus is taken before the High Priest (Annas then Caiaphas)

## Matthew

**Matthew 26.57** And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to **Caiaphas** the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

**26.59** Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, **sought false witness** against Jesus, to put him to death; **26.60** But found none: yea, though many **false witnesses** came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, **26.61** And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. **26.62** And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? **26.63** But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. **26.64** Jesus saith unto him, **Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.** **26.65** Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken **blasphemy**; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. **26.66** What think ye? They answered and said, He is **guilty of death**. **26.67** Then did they **spit in his face**, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, **26.68** Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?

## Mark

**Mark 14.53** And they led Jesus away to the **high priest**: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes.

**14.55** And the chief priests and all the council **sought for witness** against Jesus to put him to death; and found none. **14.56** For many bare **false witness** against him, **but their witness agreed not together**. **14.57** And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, **14.58** We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands. **14.59** But neither so did their witness agree together. **14.60** And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, **Answerest thou nothing?** what is it which these witness against thee? **14.61** **But he held his peace, and answered nothing**. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, **Art thou the Christ, the Son of the blessed?** **14.62** And Jesus said, **I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.** **14.63** Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses? **14.64** Ye have heard the **blasphemy**: what think ye? **And they all condemned him to be guilty of death.** **14.65** And some began to **spit on him**, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did **strike him** with the palms of their hands.

## Luke

**Luke 22.54** Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off.

**22.63** And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote him. **22.64** And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophecy, who is it that smote thee? **22.65** And many other things blasphemously spake they against him. **22.66** And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led him into their council, saying,

**22.67** Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, **If I tell you, ye will not believe: 22.68** **And if I also ask you, ye will not answer me, nor let me go. 22.69** **Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God.**

**22.70** Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, **Ye say that I am. 22.71** And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.

## John

**John 18.12** Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, **18.13** And led him away to **Annas first**; for he was **father in law to Caiaphas**, which was the high priest that same year. **18.14** Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

**18.19** The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine.

**18.20** **Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. 18.21** **Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said.**

**18.22** And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? **18.23** Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me? **18.24** **Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest. 18.28** Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.

## Mark 14:53-65

# Jesus Faces Caiaphas & the Sanhedrin

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- V.55 – Chief Priests and Council (this is the Sanhedrin)
- It took two witnesses to agree and if a witness perjured himself, he took the penalty of the accused
- False testimony re: temple
  - This is actually true, Jesus did say that, but they used the word for temple to refer to the “Holy of Holies”, Jesus was referring to His body and the temple at large.
- Is. 53:7 – no one could ask a man to condemn Himself, which is what the High Priests were trying to do.

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- Mark 14:61 – The High Priests ask:

**“Are you the Christ...” – this is the central issue.**

- Jesus answers in v. 62 **“I AM.”** – this is the unique term used Ex. 3:14 – the Title for God
  - **“And you will see the Son of Man....”** – **Daniel 7:13** – Human & Divine
  - **“Sitting at the Right hand of Power.”** **Ps 110:1**
  - **“and Coming on the Clouds of heaven.”** – sign of deity
- High Priest tore clothes – this was a sign of blasphemy
- Mark 14:65 – they **Spit on Jesus** as a sign of contempt. **Mark 10:34 Jesus predicted this – also Num. 12:14**
- Mark 14:65 – **they Beat Jesus** – first of many beatings

# Peter's Denial of Jesus

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**“But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”** Matthew 10:33

Mark 14:27-31/Luke 22:31

# Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

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- **Mark 14** <sup>27</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written:
    - ‘I will strike the Shepherd,  
And the sheep will be scattered.’
  - <sup>28</sup> “But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.”
  - <sup>29</sup> Peter said to Him, “Even if all are made to [b]stumble, yet I *will not be*.”
  - <sup>30</sup> Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you that today, *even* this night, before the **rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.**”
  - <sup>31</sup> But he spoke more vehemently, “If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!” And they all said likewise.
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- **Luke 22:31** adds – “**Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail...**”. Translated, “You” is a plural, meaning all of them.



## Mark 14:27-31

# Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

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- We will also be ashamed of Jesus and His words at times unless we both **understand the Cross** and, “**watching**”, **pray for God's help** (Mark 8:38).
- We will do neither of these things unless we admit our own weakness (that we are prayer-less, sleepy and self-reliant) and **pray for strength & humility**.
- This is an example of human weakness by believers. The disciples had incredible knowledge and salvation of Jesus, yet Jesus predicts they will all fall away! **How much weaker will we be?**
- Rather than singling out the betrayer, Jesus likens him to the others saying “**All of you will be made to stumble**” (v.27). Persecution will show that the Word has not yet taken root and even the disciples will reject Him.
- **It was not Judas, Herod or Scribes that led Jesus to the Cross, it was God.** Zech. 13:7 said that God, with His own sword would strike down the Shepherd. God predicted everything that would happen by the prophets. It's not only Jesus who will be stricken, but those who believe in Him as well.

## Mark 14:27-31

# Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

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- Scattering of the sheep is not just the Apostles, but the whole nation. But the emphasis of this “scattering” in this context is to the Apostles. After this the Twelve scattered until the resurrection.
- Interestingly, God struck the firstborn at the Exodus and the sheep of Israel were scattered.
- When you see the fear and coward-ness of the disciples (the best of men), you see the magnificent courage of Jesus.
- Peter later says in **1 Peter 4:16** “Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter” (**Rom. 1:16**)
- Another contrast is **Jesus' HUMILITY** against the disciple's pride. **Peter** boldly declared “Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not.” then, Peter goes even further and states more vehemently, “If I have to die with You, I will not deny You.” **PRIDE**

# Peters Denies Jesus

## Matthew

**Matthew 26.58** But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

**26.69** Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. **26.70** But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. **26.71** And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth. **26.72** And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man. **26.73** And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee. **26.74** Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. **26.75** And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crew, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and **wept bitterly.**

## Mark

**Mark 14.54** And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.

**14.66** And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest: **14.67** And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth. **14.68** But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew. **14.69** And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them. **14.70** And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilaean, and thy speech agreeth thereto. **14.71** But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak. **14.72** And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, **Before the cock crew twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.** And when he thought thereon, he wept.

## Luke

**Luke 22.55** And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. **22.56** But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him. **22.57** And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not. **22.58** And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. **22.59** And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaean. **22.60** And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. **22.61** And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crew, thou shalt deny me thrice. **22.62** And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

## John

**John 18.15** And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. **18.16** But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. **18.17** Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. **18.18** And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.

**18.25** And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not. **18.26** One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him? **18.27** Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew.

## Mark 14:27-31

# Peter's Denial

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- When the rooster crowed, **Peter wept bitterly** (Luke **22:62**)— God humbled the proud Peter and convicted him of his sin.
- The disciple's failure was not permanent – they were restored after the resurrection and in **Acts 5:41** were ready to suffer, unashamed for Christ. What made the difference? The coming of the Holy Spirit!
- If we have a fear and distrust of our own resolve to do this, this is not bad, but remember the words of **John 15:18 – 16:4**

## Mark 14: 66-72

# Peter Denies Jesus & Weeps

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- **Fulfilled prophecy** (v.30) - Earlier that very night Jesus told “Simon” that Satan had asked permission to sift him (Luke 22:31) and that he would deny Him 3 times and He said “You will all fall away”. Peter declared in foolish confidence that he would not fail and would go to death for Jesus.
- **Doctrine of human depravity**, we are fallen people, given new birth and life in Christ is major Christian doctrine of salvation. But our newness is in fallen flesh, we have experienced redemption of the soul, but still within a sinful body. **“O wretched man that I am”. We are all sinners.**
- **Even our best is filthy before God.** We live in a dangerous place even when we are saved. We need to have a healthy distrust of ourselves.
- **The lesson of Peter is:** Peter is one of the best and most privileged apostles, and he teaches us all a lesson here - **Peter did not realize the weakness of his fallen condition (Romans 6 & 7) and had foolish confidence in his Self.**
- **Peter, the great leader and preacher shocks us.** This is not a one-time small slip. It was three responses of denial over a period of about 2 hours while Jesus was on trial in the house of Annas and Caiaphas.
- **Peter lied. He denied Christ. He was ashamed to confess He knew Christ because of the fear of man.**



## Mark 14: 66-72

# Lessons from Peter's Denial

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- Jesus told them to “watch and pray” to not fall into temptation. Peter fell asleep though.
- Luke 23:61 – at the moment Peter denied Jesus in v. 72, “**The Lord turned and looked at Peter**” – a very interesting point. The eyes of Jesus are on us too, all the time. (Mark 11:11–Jesus “looked” around the temple-judging)
- **Lessons**
  - He boasted too much – self confidence
  - He listened too little – Jesus told him repeatedly about the danger of Satan and to “watch”
  - He prayed too little – he slept instead
  - He acted to fast – on his own instead of God’s will – with the sword, etc.
  - He followed too far – he stayed at a distance blending in with the people of the world
  - Peter was no match for the forces of Satan on his own.
  - His faith did not fail however, Peter felt great remorse, he wept “bitterly”, he showed up at the tomb on Sunday and in the upper room. This is the way back. He remembered what the Lord had said and repented (unlike Judas).
  - Now he could teach others the principle that “**the Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak**”.
  - When Jesus returned, he asked Peter the 3X “do you love me...Feed my sheep” – the restoration of Peter.
  - Peter went on to write about how fiery trails build our faith in 1 Peter.

# Judas' Betrayal



*Judas' Betrayal - Giotto di Bondone, 1304*



*30 Pieces of Silver*



*Judas hangs himself*

**“...woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have good for that man if he had never been born.” Mark 14:21**

## Matthew 27:3-10

# Judas Hangs Himself

- **Matthew 27:3-10** : <sup>3</sup> Then **Judas**, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver **to the chief priests and elders**, <sup>4</sup> saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” And they said, *“What is that to us? You see to it!”*
- <sup>5</sup> Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and **hanged himself**.
- <sup>6</sup> But the **chief priests took the silver pieces** and said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood.” <sup>7</sup> And they consulted together and **bought with them the potter’s field, to bury strangers in.** <sup>8</sup> **Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.**
- <sup>9</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by 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, <sup>10</sup> and gave them for the **potter’s field**, as the LORD directed me.”

## Acts 1:18

# Judas Hangs Himself

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- **Acts 1:16-20** <sup>16</sup> “Men *and* brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; <sup>17</sup> for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry.”
- <sup>18</sup> Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. <sup>19</sup> And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, **Field of Blood.**
- <sup>20</sup> “For it is written in the Book of Psalms:  
• ‘Let his dwelling place be desolate, And let no one live in it’;  
and, **‘Let another take his office.’**

Matthew 27:3-10; Acts 1:18

# Judas Kills Himself

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- Judas takes his life as an ultimate act of punishment and does it in a way that is ultimately cursed by God
- Sanhedrin's testimony that this is blood money is demonstrated by the fact that they said they couldn't put it in the treasury and by the fact that they bought a field that could only be used to put Gentiles in. So by their own lips they confess to their deed.
- The fact that Acts 1:18 (43 days after death) and Matthew (30 years after death) referred to the place Judas died as "**field of blood**" shows that people believed that the innocent blood of Jesus was on Judas' hands. But it was all part of God's plan as **Zechariah 11:12-13** prophesied.



# Judas Kills Himself (Other Scripture)

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- **Zechariah 11:12-13 (Prophecy Fulfilled!)**

- <sup>12</sup> ...” So they weighed out for my wages **thirty pieces of silver.**
- <sup>13</sup> 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.

- **John 17:12**

- <sup>12</sup> While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; **and none of them is lost except the son of perdition**, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

- **2 Corinthians 7:10**

- <sup>10</sup> For **godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation**, not to be regretted; but the **sorrow of the world produces death.**

# Judas Kills Himself

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- Scripture infers that Judas' suicide is an act of evil.
- **Suicide is sin** according to the Bible. A violation of the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment "**murder**" (but, not unpardonable **if** saved before – the devil came to kill, steal and destroy)
- Judas had a visual experience of Jesus tied up, beaten and being taken to Pilate.
- While Judas **felt guilty** and confessed it to men, **he didn't confess it to God and truly repent**. He could have went to Jesus but instead he went to men.
- **Deuteronomy 27:25** - "**Cursed** is the one who takes a bribe to slay an innocent person."
- **Deuteronomy 21:23** - "his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the LORD your God is giving you *as* an inheritance; for **he who is hanged is accursed of God.**"

# Reflection Questions

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- Have you ever **betrayed** someone in your life?
- Have you ever been **ashamed of Jesus Christ** when presented with an opportunity to share your testimony and the soul saving message of the Salvation.
- Don't quickly dismiss this, but put yourself in the shoes of the disciples and **ask "Is it I" Lord?**
  - **Have you asked God to search your heart for hidden sin?**
  - **Have you confessed it to God and asked for forgiveness? (and "wept bitterly" with Peter)**
- **Get right with God, and then in all circumstances, go on your way and "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing & in everything gives thanks".** 1 Thess. 5:16-18