

The Repentant Judas

Matthew 27:3 “Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

Matthew 27:4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent” blood. And they said, What *is that* to us? see thou *to that*.

Matthew 27:5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.”

Here is the description of Judas’ repentance. “When he saw” was an eye-opening moment. He felt the guilt of his sin. He did not deny his horrible sin. He even brought the thirty pieces of silver to return to the chief priests and elders, giving witness of him not wanting to gain anything from his wicked deed.

He not only confessed “I have sinned,” he acknowledged what his sin was – “I have betrayed the innocent blood.”

When sinners go to religious leaders to confess their sinfulness, they hope to get help. It was not the case for Judas. Their response was, “What is that to us? see thou to that.” With cold and heartless words, they threw his sin back in his face. They could not have been more heartless and cold. Instead of offering him the relief that comes from repentance, they heaped upon him more guilt and hopelessness.

Feeling so alone and abandoned, “...he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

Their ruthless response to Judas’ repentance prompted his suicide. What a tragedy!

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