



"Blood Money"

Sunday, November 19, 2023 | Text: Matthew 27:1-10

1. Rebels, not Righteous.

[1] When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. [2] And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

Psalm 2: 1-3: *Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? [2] The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, [3] "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."*

2. Remorse, not Repentance.

[3] Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, [4] saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." [5] And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.

2 Corinthians 7:10: *For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.*

3. Revelation, not Random.

[6] But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." [7] So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. [8] Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. [9] Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, [10] and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

*Jeremiah 18:1-6; 19:1-11; 32:6-15; Zechariah 11:4-13, Psalm 103:8-12; Isaiah 44:22; Isaiah 53:1-5; Isaiah 55:6-9; Joel 2:12-13; Romans 5:1; John 3:16; 1 John 1:4-7, 9; Ephesians 2:8

Next Sunday's Sermon: Matthew 27:11-26

If you were to share a key insight from today's sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Discussion Questions:

Describe the rebellious hypocrisy of the religious leaders. How does Psalm 2:3 describe rebellious humanity? What is the difference between remorse and repentance (see 2 Cor. 7:10)? How was Judas' change of mind a show of remorse, but not repentance? Discuss how Peter's repentance was different than Judas' remorse. How should regular repentance be a part of our lives? How are the events of this text the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, and why does it matter? How does this text lead you to treasure Jesus more?

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