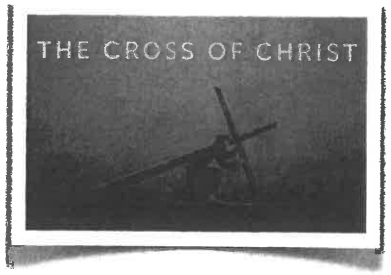

Lesson: Two hundred fifty three
Series: The Cross of Christ
Title:. The Traitor's Suicide
Text: Matthew 27:1-10
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6 The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the temple treasury, since it is the price of blood." 7 And they conferred together and with the money bought the Potter's Field as a burial place for strangers.

8 For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. 9 Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one whose price had been set by the sons of Israel; 10 and they gave them for the Potter's Field, as the Lord directed me."

Suicide triggers very intense emotions.

Why do people commit suicide?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Examples of suicide in the Bible.

1. Saul - 1 Samuel 31:4-5
2. Saul's armor bearer - 1 Samuel 31:4-5
3. Ahithophel - 2 Sam 17:23
4. Judas - Matthew 27:5

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Paul mentions two kinds of sorrow.

Worldly sorrow → Death

Godly sorrow → Repentance → Salvation

B. He didn't turn the _____.

Discussion Guide

1. What does it mean that someone can follow Christ and still perish?
2. Have you personally known someone who took their own life? Which of the four reasons do you believe were the reason?
3. Which reason do you believe is responsible for most of suicides and why?
4. Explain the difference between "remorse" and "repentance"?
5. Remorse alone doesn't necessarily lead to salvation. How does 2 Timothy 2:25 explain why or why not?

ANSWERS: Revenge, Reunion, Rebirth, Self-punishment, perish, saved, restitution, confessed, understood, repent, Savior

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"remorse" [metamelomai] - To be seized with regret

The human conscience - Romans 2:14-15

Why did Judas return?

But they said, "What is that to us? See to that yourself!"

5 And he threw the pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary and departed;

"threw" [rhipto] - to throw down in angry defiance

"temple"

[hieron] - refers to the entire temple complex

[naos] - refers to the inner sanctuary called the Holy of Holies

Why did he throw it there?

and he went away and hanged himself.

Deuteronomy 27:25 'Cursed is he who accepts a bribe to strike down an innocent person.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

More detail of Judas' death.

Acts 1:18 Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out.

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"remorse" [metamelomai] - It describes feelings of guilt, regret , and sorrow for ones' actions.

[metanoeo] - "repent"

A. He didn't _____.

Regret is not the same as repentance.

Paul explains the difference

2 Corinthians 7:8–10 For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it—for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while— 9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. 10 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

2. Why didn't Judas get _____?

3 Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

1. He tried to appease his guilty conscience by

_____.

"returned the thirty pieces of silver"

2. He _____ his sin.

"I have sinned"

3. He _____ the Lord's flawless character.

"innocent blood"

6 The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the temple treasury, since it is the price of blood."

It was unlawful to use tainted money for sacred purposes.

Deuteronomy 23:18 "You shall not bring the hire of a harlot or the wages of a dog into the house of the Lord your God for any votive offering, for both of these are an abomination to the Lord your God.

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"strangers" - Euphemism Gentiles

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In rabbinic tradition and in the Talmud Zechariah is classified under the heading of Jeremiah.

1. Law **2. Prophets** **3. Psalms**

A. Jeremiah
B. Zechariah

Implications

1. It's possible to follow Jesus and still _____.

Judas wasn't a believer.

John 13:10–11 Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean,

"bathed"

but not all of you." 11 For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, "Not all of you are clean."

18 "I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats My bread has lifted up his heel against Me.'

Judas was a unique figure.

1. He had unprecedented access to the Lord.

2. He had the ability to conceal his wicked rebellion.

3. He was Satan possessed.

Appearance can be deceiving.

Matthew 7:21–23 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. 22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'