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"The Remorse and Suicide of Judas Iscariot"

MATTHEW 27:3-10



A devil (John 6:70)

The son of perdition or destruction (John 17:12)

Better if he was never born (Matthew 26:24;
 Mark 14:21)

Judas is in hell and will never escape hell

Judas Iscariot

KEY POINT:

The **guilty** will **run**, even if no one chases them. The **innocent** will **endure**, even if everyone betrays them.



I. A Guilty Judas and an Innocent Jesus (vs. 3-5)



Going in the opposite direction that you were once moving

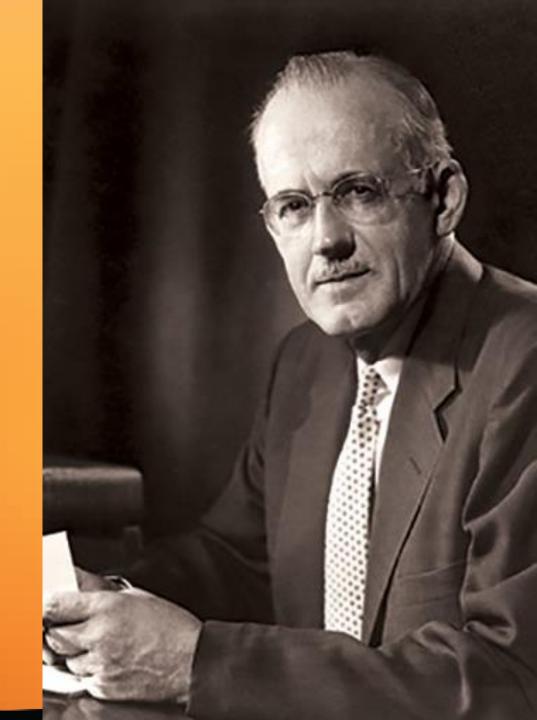
 Opposite thinking, opposite speaking, opposite behaving—includes regret or remorse or sorrow

What is Repentance?



"Where real repentance is, there is obedience; for repentance is not only sorrow for past failures and sins, it is a determination to begin now to do the will of God as He reveals it to us."

A.W. Tozer, Man: The Dwelling Place of God



For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

Matthew 21:32



1. Humble brokenness



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- 5. Wants reconciliation



¹⁵ He swallows down riches and vomits them up again; God casts them out of his belly. 16 He will suck the poison of cobras; the tongue of a viper will kill him. ¹⁷ He will not look upon the rivers, the streams flowing with honey and curds. ¹⁸ He will give back the fruit of his toil and will not swallow it down;...



...from the profit of his trading he will get no enjoyment. ¹⁹ For he has crushed and abandoned the poor; he has seized a house that he did not build. ²⁰ "Because he knew no contentment in his belly, he will not let anything in which he delights escape him. ²¹ There was nothing left after he had eaten; therefore his prosperity will not endure...

...²² In the fullness of his sufficiency he will be in distress; the hand of everyone in misery will come against him. ²³ To fill his belly to the full, God will send his burning anger against him and rain it upon him into his body. ²⁴ He will flee from an iron weapon; a bronze arrow will strike him through. ²⁵ It is drawn forth and comes out of his body;...

...the glittering point comes out of his gallbladder; terrors come upon him. ²⁶ Utter darkness is laid up for his treasures; a fire not fanned will devour him; what is left in his tent will be consumed. ²⁷ The heavens will reveal his iniquity, and the earth will rise up against him...



...²⁸ The possessions of his house will be carried away, dragged off in the day of God's wrath.

²⁹ This is the wicked man's portion from God, the heritage decreed for him by God."



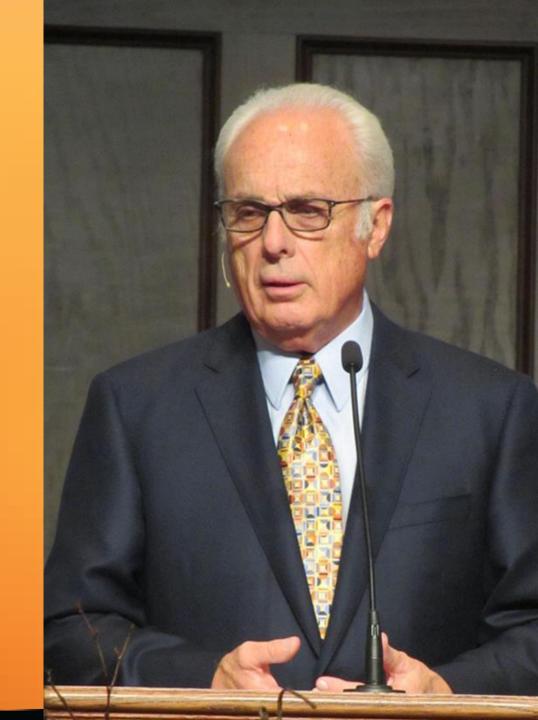
For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

II Corinthians 7:10



"No man could be more evil than Judas Iscariot. Only eleven other men in all of history have had the intimate, personal relationship he had with the incarnate Son of God. No man has ever been more exposed to God's perfect ...

John MacArthur



"...truth, both in precept and example. No man has ever been more exposed firsthand to God's love, compassion, power, kindness, forgiveness, and grace. No man has had more evidence of Jesus' divinity or more firsthand knowledge...

John MacArthur

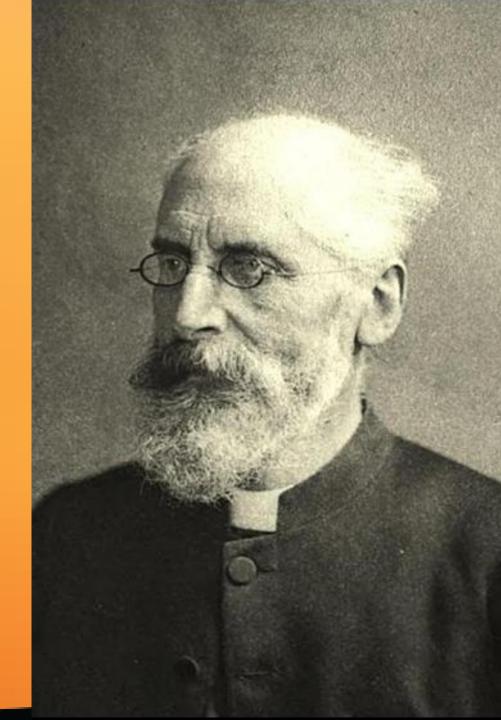


"...of the way of salvation. Yet in all of those three indescribably blessed years with Jesus, Judas did not take so much as the first step of faith.

John MacArthur

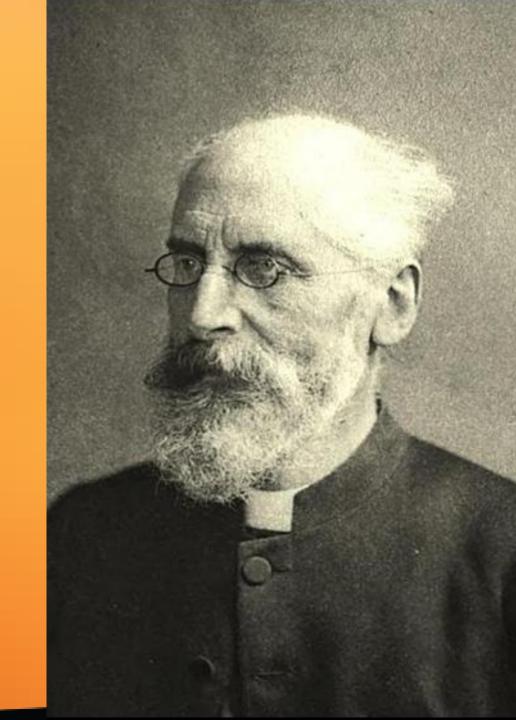


"He must get rid of these thirty pieces of silver, which, like thirty serpents, coiled round his soul with terrible hissing of death. Then at least his deed would have nothing of the selfish in it: only a terrible error,... Alfred Edersheim, The Death of the Messiah



"...a mistake, to which he had been incited by these Sanhedrists. Back to them with the money, and let them have it again!"

Alfred Edersheim,
The Death the Messiah



¹⁶ "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst...

Acts 1:16-20

open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, 'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and 'Let another take his office.'

Acts 1:16-20

his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God.

You shall not defile your land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance.

Deuteronomy 21:23



For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

I Timothy 6:10



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I. A Guilty Judas and an Innocent Jesus (vs. 3-5)

II. <u>Hypocritical</u> Men and the <u>Prophetical</u> God (vs. 6-10)



²⁵ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ²⁶ You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean. ²⁷ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs,...

Matthew 23:25-28

which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. ²⁸ So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Matthew 23:25-28



 Not uncommon for a Gospel writer to make connections between two prophets but only reference one prophet (cf. Mark 1:2 with Isaiah 40:3 and Malachi 3:1)

2. Jeremiah was viewed by the Jews as the lead prophet.

Discrepancy in Matthew 27:9?

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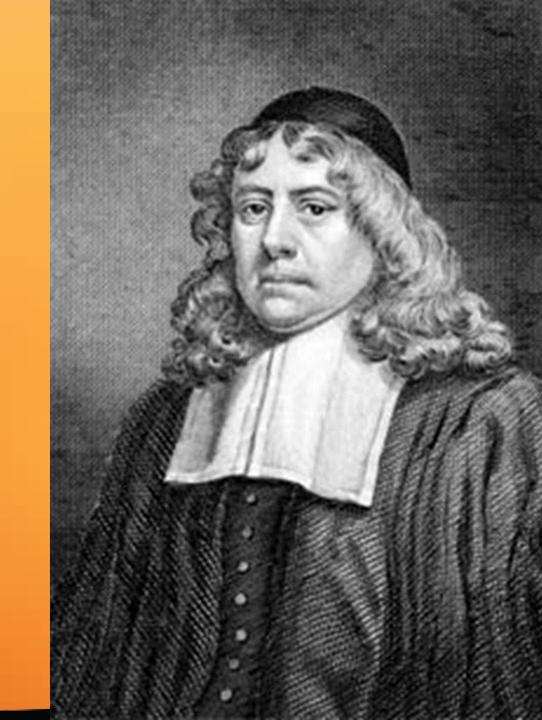
"We must be exercising mortification every day, and in every duty. Sin will not die, unless it be constantly weakened. Spare it, and it will heal its wounds, and recover its strength. We must continually watch against the operations...

John Owen



"...of this principle of sin: in our duties, in our calling, in conversation, in retirement, in our straits, in our enjoyments, and in all that we do. If we are negligent on any occasion, we shall suffer by it; every mistake, every neglect is perilous."

John Owen



But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13:14

