

Responding to Conviction for our Sin!

Matthew 27:1 When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: 2 And when they had bound him, they led *him* away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor. 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, 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*. 5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. 6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. 7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. 8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. 9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; 10 And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

1. Putting Jesus to death was a concerted effort 27:1 When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:
 - a. There were inside men, Judas
 - i. One of the 12
 - ii. One who loved Jesus and Jesus loved him
 - b. There were Jewish religious leaders
 - i. They had hated Jesus from the beginning

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- ii. They wanted to get rid of Him because He and His ministry showed them their sin John 3:20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. Matthew 5:20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- c. They would need the help of the Romans 27:2 And when they had bound him, they led *him* away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.
- d. There would be people from all over the world
 - i. Jesus isn't really crucified by the Jews, it was against the law for them to do so
 - ii. When we say Rome we must remember that they owned the entire, known world
 - iii. The world, all of humanity, was guilty of His death
- e. There were false witnesses
- f. Most of all God the Father, Jesus the Son, and Holy Spirit were at work bringing about our salvation Acts 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:
 - i. Scripture is being fulfilled
 - ii. God knew from the beginning of the world that we would sin
 - iii. He knew then that He would provide salvation Revelation 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not

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written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

- a. Do you acknowledge that it was your sin that put Jesus on the cross?
 - i. He died for you
 - ii. It wasn't them that were so bad
 - iii. It was my sin and His love for me that put Him there
 - iv. In all honesty we know we have sinned. We know our need but now we must decide how we will respond to this guilt we feel
 - v. You know your need what will you do when right now you know you feel the conviction of your sin?

1. Judas shows us false repentance 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, 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.*

- a. He saw the consequences of his actions, Jesus was condemned to die, and repented
- b. He never meant for it to go that far I suppose
- c. Never know what was in his mind but some how he was sorry
- d. My dad used to say that I wasn't sorry for what I did but for the fact that I got caught
- e. There is such a thing as false repentance

II Corinthians 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

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- i. Judas felt regret for what he had done
 - ii. His decision made him sad
 - iii. But his repentance caused him to take his own life
- f. We see true repentance in what happened with Peter
- i. He felt deep regret for denying Jesus Matthew 26:75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.
 - ii. Peter will return to the ministry
 - iii. God's grace shows greatly as He allows Peter to be the preacher on the day of Pentecost
- g. How often have I repented falsely
- i. I was sorry I got caught, called out on something where I knew I was wrong
 - ii. Felt a sorrow that didn't bring about a change
 - iii. Maybe you are here and feel bad about your sin but continue down the same path
 1. Today is the day to see what sin does to you
 2. It is death to continue feeling bad about your sin without running
 3. Know the grace of God today
 - i. Will you respond to your sin by feeling sorry and making no change
 - ii. Will you respond by acknowledging your sin and believing Jesus and what He did on the cross of Calvary
1. Suicide 27:5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

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- a. Suicide was the tenth leading cause of death for all ages in 2013
 - i. In 2013 there was one suicide every 13 minutes
 - ii. 76% or so were using alcohol, antidepressants or opiates
 - iii. Research gives some primary reasons for committing suicide
 - 1. They have been hurt and want to hurt someone, retaliation
 - 2. They have no reason to live
 - a. They may think that they no longer deserve to live
 - b. They need to punish themselves for whatever horrible thing that they did
 - 1. They feel extreme guilt
 - 2. They are depressed
 - 3. They are crying out for help
- a. Where ever you are in life you need to know that Jesus is the answer; not taking your life
 - i. It is not yours to take. God gave you life. He has a purpose for you so learn and grow
 - ii. Many people have been at the point of wanting to die or wondering if they were going to live
 - 1. Solomon hated life Ecclesiastes 2:17 Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun *is* grievous unto me: for all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.
 - a. What is the point of my life
 - b. No value to me being here on the planet
 - 2. Elijah wanted to die I Kings 19:4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and

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he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I *am* not better than my fathers.

- a. Discouraged and depressed
- b. Fearful of what was going to happen to him

3. Jonah was so angry he wanted to die Jonah 4:8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, *It is* better for me to die than to live.

- a. His dreams were crushed
- b. He felt betrayed by God, made to deliver a message he didn't want to that had brought life to his enemies
- c. Very selfish thinking only of his comfort and his desires

4. Even Paul wasn't sure he wanted to live or was going to live II Corinthians 1:8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

- a. Living under pressure and danger over his life to the point he wasn't sure what was going to happen
- b. Not sure of the value of his life
- c. Not sure he was going to live

iii. In Jesus Christ there is forgiveness of sin

I Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners,

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shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

iv. You can restart your life through Jesus

v. He has the answer to your needs John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

b. What does the Bible say about suicide

i. It is not the unpardonable sin rejecting Jesus is

ii. Suicide is obviously not the answer to any problem at all

iii. Death is not the end

1. There is no hope for the lost after death

2. Everyone will live somewhere after death for all of eternity

c. Judas feels despair and kills himself rather than turn to the One that would have forgiven Him

d. If you are feeling defeated and needing to end it all then do so on your knees before God and find new life

e. Get your thoughts under control and trust God to be working in your life

f. Do not allow Satan and sin to rob you of all that God has for you and can do with you

g. How will you respond to your sin and guilt, the coward's way out or humbly admitting your need of God's grace and mercy

1. The religious leaders admitted their guilt 6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury,

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because it is the price of blood. 7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. 8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

- a. Amazingly the priests wouldn't accept their own money that they had given Judas to betray Jesus
- b. They used it to buy a place to bury foreigners
- c. The field was called the field of blood reminding them of their failure and sin
- d. They need to counsel together to find a way to feel good about their sin that was thrown back in their face
- e. Our sin finds us out. We can try to do something to atone for it or we can turn to the One who died for all and accept His free gift of salvation
- f. They admit their guilt and try to do something good to atone for what they did
- g. Will you respond that same way or will you admit your sin and turn to the Savior

2. The Word of God is always being fulfilled 9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; 10 And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

- a. Nothing is surprising Jesus. It was already in the Scriptures Zechariah 11:12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty *pieces* of silver. 13 And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was

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priced at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.

- b. This passage said that Jeremiah made the prophecy
 - i. This is not a mistake or error
 - ii. In the day of Jesus the division of the Old Testament helps us understand
 - iii. There was the Law, the Writings, and the Prophets
 - iv. The first book in their prophets was Jeremiah and so the prophets were often called Jeremiah
 - v. The first book in the Writings was Psalms and the Writings would often be called the Psalms referring to all of them
- c. I just want you to know that your salvation was no accident
 - i. He loves you
 - ii. He died for you
 - iii. He is calling you to salvation right now
- d. Nothing about the crucifixion just happened
 - i. It was all planned for you and me and our salvation
 - ii. It was written in the Scriptures even down to the price that would be paid for Him
- e. How will you respond to the conviction you feel for your sin?
 - i. Will you admit that you have sinned?
 - ii. Will you see your need and cry out for help?
 - iii. Will you make excuses or try to atone for your sin?
 - iv. Will you humble yourself and accept a free gift prepared for you by the great God of Heaven

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- v. It is your decision. He loves you. He paid your sin debt. If you go to Hell it will be you making that decision

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