

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

MAY 12, 2021

MATTHEW 27.1-10

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Matthew 27 begins with Jesus being led to Pilate. (Matt. 27.1,2).
2. Not found in the other three gospels, Matthew records the death of Judas.
  - a) Not coincidentally, Matthew 26 ends describing Peter who “*went out and wept bitterly*” and begins with Judas hanging himself.
  - b) In stark contrast, these two events emphasize the power that is found in a heart of sorrow.
3. **2 CORINTHIANS 7.10:** “*For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.*”
  - a) Godly sorrow (theos lype): It carries the idea of sorrow brought about when thinking of God. (cf. 2 Sam. 12.13; Ps. 51.4; 2 Cor. 7.9,11)
  - b) Sorrow of the world (lype kosmos): It carries the idea of sorrow that is self-centered. It is grief brought on by the consequences. (cf. Ex. 9.27-30)

### I. THE HEART OF PETER ILLUSTRATES GODLY SORROW

#### A. The remorse of Peter.

1. **MATTHEW 26.75:** “*And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, ‘Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.’*”
  - a) There was something that reminded Peter about the words of Jesus. (Luke 22.61).
  - b) How did Jesus look at Peter? (Matt. 14.28-33; 15.32)
2. **MATTHEW 26.75:** “*So he went out and wept bitterly.*”
  - a) Wept (eklaio): Ek – “out”; Klaio – “to wail” In contrast to dakruo which carries the idea of crying on the inside.
  - b) With a broken heart, Peter wailed out loud knowing that He had denied the Christ whom he loved and served. (Matt. 16.18; 26.35,51)

#### B. The repentance of Peter.

1. Peter’s godly sorrow produced in him a change. (Acts 2.36; 4.13,24-30)
2. Why is it so hard to come to the point of change when we have sinned? (2 Cor. 7.10)

### II. THE HEART OF JUDAS ILLUSTRATES THE SORROW OF THE WORLD

#### A. The remorse of Judas.

1. **MATTHEW 27.3:** “*Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned*”
  - a) Did Judas realize the consequence of his actions?
  - b) **MATTHEW 27.3:** “*was remorseful*” Literally, Judas “changed his mind.” He was truly sorry for what he did. But why?
2. **Matthew 27.3:** “*and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders.*” Judas was cut to the heart and tried to assuage his guilt.
3. **MATTHEW 27.4:** “*I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.*” His sorrow came from a heart filled with guilt over the consequences of what he had done.

#### B. The reaction of Judas

1. **MATTHEW 27.5:** “*Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.*” (cf. Acts 1.18-20)
2. The Sanhedrin used Judas’ money to buy a potter’s field fulfilling Old Testament prophecy. (Matt. 27.6-10; Zech. 11.12)