

Matthew: Jesus, The King of Kings

## The Price of Blood

Matthew 27:3-10

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| <p><b>Last Time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A corrupt court</li> <li>• A silent Savior</li> <li>• Peter's denial (3x)</li> </ul> | <p><b>Today</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A tale of two sorrows</li> <li>• Peter's sorrow vs. Judas sorrow</li> </ul> |
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| <p><b>Judas saw...</b></p> <p>He was around to find out</p> <p>Picture the scene</p>  | <p><b>Deceived thoughts:</b></p> <p>"There's no way they'll convict him."</p> <p>"They'll get their trial, give him a slap on the wrist, and we can all get back to normal"</p> <p><i>(he was surely deceived by the time Satan entered him)</i></p>                   |
| <p><b>Many are deceived into doing the work of the enemy</b></p> <p>Surely some do it willingly - <b>but they're still deceived</b></p> <p><b>thinking it's the best thing for themselves</b></p> | <p><b>"Deals with the devil"</b></p> <p><b>Selling your soul for success</b></p> <p><b>The temptation of Jesus</b> in the wilderness<br/><i>Bread, cast down and be saved, bowing down to get the kingdom</i></p> <p><b>Music industry, famous people, stories</b></p> |
| <p><b>Always a distortion of the truth - not far off - <u>otherwise it wouldn't trick you</u></b></p>   | <p><i>Brownie recipe</i></p>   |

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| <p><b>Saw Jesus condemned...</b><br/> <b>Judas <u>remorseful</u></b></p> <p>“Repented himself”</p> | <p><b>Wishing he hadn’t done it</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>The outcome is not what he wanted.</b></li> <li>2. Or he knew but <b>the reality of it let the guilt set in</b></li> </ol> |
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| <p><b>Abortion</b> - ultrasound vs. oscar speeches</p> <p><b><u>many choose life</u></b> when they see the ultrasound</p> <p><b><u>Yet others know full well</u></b> what they are doing and rejoice in it publicly</p> | <p><b>Matthew 24:12</b> - "And because lawlessness will abound, <b>the love of many will grow cold.</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Abortion testimony</b></p> <p><i>we knew what we were doing, knew it was a baby, knew it was wrong</i></p> <p><b><i>Saw it as the only option</i></b></p>   | <p><i>When my college gf and I had an abortion in the spring of 2002, 18 mos.</i></p> <p><i>Before coming to Jesus, She was raised Catholic, I was raised Christian</i></p> <p><i>But we didn’t see a way out - had a bad relationship</i></p> |

**Like chains, handcuffed, dragged away like slaves through the whole thing. It was like some strange autopilot.**

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| <p><b><u>Desire, outside of God’s plans, only brings forth death.</u></b></p> | <p><b>James 1:14-15</b> - But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, <b>when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.</b></p> |
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| Protestors, imagery<br><u>Glad it wasn't easy</u> | Atmosphere inside<br>Emptiness in us |
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**And what was the price of my baby's life? Our "freedom"?  
A few hundred bucks, cash.**

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| <b>Two types of sorrow</b><br><br>1. <b>Godly sorrow</b><br><br>2. <b>Wordly sorrow</b>   | <b>2 Corinthians 7:10</b> - For <b>godly sorrow</b> produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the <b>sorrow of the world</b> produces death.                    |
| <b>Peter's sorrow</b><br><br>Mourn, weep, lament, bewail...<br>Bitterly, with deeply distressing grief<br><br><u>as for the dead</u>                                    | <b>Matthew 26:75</b> And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." <b>So he went out and wept bitterly.</b>      |
| <b>Peter had betrayed Jesus and he knew Jesus was going to die now.</b>   | <b>There was nothing he could do for him and no way to make things right.</b>  |
| <b>Peter's restoration (John 21)</b><br><br>Back to fishing with the others<br>Not catching anything<br>Jesus on the shore<br><br><b>Do you love me? Feed my sheep.</b> | <b>He went back to his old life fishing - not because he wanted to, but because he thought he couldn't do the life with Jesus anymore</b><br><br><b>When he saw Jesus he went all in</b> |
| <b>How to tell the difference?<br/>Where does the sorrow lead you?</b>  | <b>Only two choices:</b><br>1. Jesus and life<br>2. Somewhere else and death   |

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| <p><b>When sin has had its way with you, the blinders wear off and you see it for what it is.</b></p> <p><b>Disgusting. Destructive. Deathly.</b></p> <p><i>Steal. Kill. Destroy.</i></p>   | <p><b>Godly sorrow</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You'll be disgusted, but also upset that your relationship with the Lord is hurt</li> </ul> <p><b>Wordly sorrow</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You'll just be upset it didn't work out the way you wanted or you got caught</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Regret is not repentance.</b></p>   | <p><i>Praying many times before finally repenting</i></p>  |
| <p><b>Religious Ritual is easier than repentance.</b></p>   | <p><i>People turning to Catholicism, Orthodoxy, or even protestant church</i></p>  |
| <p><b>"I have sinned by betraying innocent blood"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judas knew what he did</li> <li>Judas knew it was sin</li> <li>Judas knew Jesus was innocent - <b>not guilty</b></li> </ul>                  | <p><b>Judas used, abused, discarded'</b></p> <p>selfishness and sin led him to Satan and when his purpose was done, discarded</p> <p><b>Judas was left bearing the guilt of blood on his <u>conscience</u></b></p>   |
| <p><b>Conscience</b><br/>"With knowledge"</p> <p><b>Romans 2:15b</b> - who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)</p> | <p><b>Everyone is born with a conscience</b></p> <p><b>God-given, God-used</b><br/>"Pricked" "Holy Spirit's ministry strums"</p> <p><i>Sizzling fajitas (1 Tim 4:2)</i></p> <p><b>We sear it as with a hot iron to not hear it and feel it anymore</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Cain and Abel...</b><br/><i>The backstory...</i></p>  | <p><b>Genesis 4:10</b> - And God said, "What have you done? The voice of your <b>brother's blood</b> cries out to Me from the ground.</p>  |

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| <b>Joseph and his brothers...</b><br><i>The backstory...</i> | <b>Genesis 9:6</b> - "Whoever sheds man's blood,<br>By man his blood shall be shed; For in the<br>image of God He made man." |
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**Genesis 42:21-24** - Then they said to one another, "**We are truly guilty concerning our brother**, for we saw the anguish of his soul when he pleaded with us, and we would not hear; therefore this distress has come upon us." And Reuben answered them, saying, "Did I not speak to you, saying, 'Do not sin against the boy'; and you would not listen? **Therefore behold, his blood is now required of us.**" But they did not know that Joseph understood them, for he spoke to them through an interpreter. **And he turned himself away from them and wept.** Then he returned to them again, and talked with them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

### A paranoid conscience!

Death, fear, spiritual famine linked with murder

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| <b>Life in the Blood</b><br><br><b>Lev 17:11a</b><br>For the life of the flesh is in the blood, | <b>Blood required</b><br>for sacrifice<br>For justice<br>For restoration (atonement - at one ment) |
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| <b>"What is that [your guilt, his innocence] to us? You see to it?"</b>                   | <b>The ones who should minister... could care less about his soul!</b><br><br><b>Bless the people!</b> Numbers, Leviticus |
| Dead hearts, dead laws, dead churches,<br>dead religion<br><br><i>"Whitewashed tombs"</i> | <b>Casting blame on him! Typical abusers!</b><br><br>Gaslighting (getting someone to question their reality)              |

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| <u><b>Judas had his own morality</b></u><br><br>The ministry didn't live up to it<br>It included getting rich | <b>Threw the money down -</b><br><br><b>What was once worth everything it was now <u>worthless and repulsive</u></b> |
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| <p><b>Sold out Jesus.</b><br/> <b>Sold his soul to the devil.</b><br/> <u><b>And didn't even keep the change.</b></u></p> | <p>Deceived into thinking he was winning, getting what he wanted!</p> |
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| <p><b>Went out and hung himself</b></p> <p>No delay.<br/> No second guessing.<br/> Went out with the intent and purpose.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Saw no more reason to live.</li> <li>● No way out of his sin.</li> <li>● Out of his guilt.</li> </ul> <p><b>The one who could forgive him he'd sold to be killed.</b></p> |
| <p><b>He missed the resurrection.</b></p>  | <p><b>The resurrection is hope.</b><br/> <b>Light at the end of the tunnel.</b></p>  |
| <p><b>The deception:</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>that his situation was hopeless.</b></li> <li>● <b>His life worthless.</b></li> <li>● <b>Better to be dead than alive.</b></li> </ul>                                  |

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| <p><b>Hanging...</b><br/> <b>relatively straightforward method</b><br/> <i>A hanging in my neighborhood growing up</i></p> | <p><b><u>But it ended up gory (Acts 1:18-19)</u></b></p> <p><i>Sibuku, honor</i></p> |
| <p><b>there would be no glory, honor in Judas' death</b></p>   | <p><b>He would be found and it'd cause disgust and horror.</b></p>                   |

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| <p><b>For Judas...nothing left to live for</b></p> <p><b>Maybe his god was money and success</b></p> <p>when the money ran out and success wasn't there he lost all hope</p> | <p>No business to go back to.<br/> Fed up with the religious system.<br/> Didn't gain from the ministry.</p> <p>Judas wanted his own way, even in death.</p> |
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| <p><b>Suicide was the way Judas chose</b></p> <p><b><u>he regretted of the action and outcome, but not the relationship</u></b></p> | <p><b><u>He was still playing judge of Jesus and himself</u></b></p> <p>He was worthy of death and<br/> Didn't want forgiveness (or at least seek it)</p> |
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| <p><b>Worldly sorrow</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sorry for yourself.</li> <li>• Sorry you got caught.</li> <li>• Sorry it didn't work (for you).</li> </ul> | <p><b>The lie about suicide -</b><br/>demonic influence -<br/>that there's nothing after -<br/>and it's the way out of pain, anguish, trouble,<br/><u>nothing to go back to "life is over"</u></p> |
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*A believer, should have a harder time of committing suicide, nearly impossible, but it's not impossible They will go to heaven*

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| <p><b>Feeling Powerless -</b><br/>motivation for people to commit suicide,<br/>last act of "free will" choice, power<br/><b>No other choice <u>they want to do</u></b></p>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Japan has high suicide rates</li> <li>• Businessmen and financial ruin</li> <li>• A love lost "can't live without you"</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>You don't know where people are inside</b><br/><br/>Happy or angry</p>   | <p><b><u>The lie is that anyone is ok without Jesus</u></b><br/><br/>They may be deceived and think so<br/>But only when their god is dethroned realize</p>  |
| <p><b>You might say you hate yourself -</b><br/>but if that was true, you'd be happy it wasn't<br/>working out</p>   | <p><b>It's selfish! - you love yourself!</b><br/><br/><b>you're upset it didn't go your way!</b></p>   |
| <p><b><u>It is not the answer</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The other side is in fact worse</li> <li>• you hurt all those who love you more</li> <li>• You are loved</li> </ul> | <p><b>The other lie:</b> you're alone. Nobody's felt<br/>this. Experienced this.<br/><u>Done something so bad you can't be forgiven</u><br/><u>or don't want to out of a false sense of justice</u><br/><b>Nobody loves you.</b></p> |

**Both Peter and Judas turned away from Jesus (denied & betrayed).  
But their sorrow was completely different.**

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| <p><b>What is the price of blood?</b><br/><b>\$17/oz      \$1,088/gal</b><br/>Printer ink?<br/><b>\$80/oz      \$5,120/gal</b></p> | <p><b>But how much is a life worth?</b></p> |
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| <p><b>It is not lawful...</b><br/> <b>These guys were so callous they didn't care that the money was dirty,</b><br/> didn't burn it, throw it away...<br/> they invested it, just not in the religious stuff!<br/> <b>Going to the priests for absolution...</b><br/> <b>"Tempters never make good comforters"</b></p> | <p><b>Never underestimate the human ability to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Rationalize</b></li> <li><b>2. Compartmentalize!</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Can't dirty up our religion with the money!</b></p>   |
| <p><b>What to do with dirty money?</b><br/> <b>invest in dirty real estate!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Potters field - worthless place</li> <li>● Akel Dama - field of blood</li> <li>● Used henceforth as a place to bury strangers, criminals (<b>fitting!</b> )</li> </ul>                    | <p><b><u>Yet even this, was prophesied (Jer.)</u></b><br/> (zech)<br/> <b>God's ultimate plan</b><br/> He knew what they would do hundreds of years before they were even born<br/> <b><u>Their selfish plans did not take God by surprise</u></b></p>   |
| <p><b>What Jesus went through wasn't because of Judas' betrayal or because of Peter's denial</b></p>   | <p><b><u>It was because of God's will</u></b></p>  |
| <p><b>Like the first Passover, this passover was also full of death</b><br/> Both Judas and Jesus</p>  | <p><b><u>We two have two options:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Die in and for our own sins</li> <li>2. let Jesus die for us</li> </ol>  |
| <p><b>If you're without hope, wanting to die - he's with you - you can have a new life</b></p>   | <p><b>You don't have to go back to the old life that makes you want to die - <b><u>be born again!</u></b></b></p>  |
| <p><b>If you find yourself remorseful, sorrowing unto death.</b></p>   | <p><b>There is hope. The light at the end of the tunnel: Jesus blood &amp; the resurrection.</b></p>   |
| <p><b><u>But let Godly sorrow have its way in you -</u></b><br/> repentance unto life.<br/> Not remorse unto death.</p>  | <p><b>Ecclesiastes 7:2-4 - Better to go to the house of mourning Than to go to the house of feasting, For that is the end of all men; And the living will take it to heart. Sorrow is better than laughter, For by a sad countenance the heart is made better. The heart of the wise is in the house of mirth.</b></p> |

**Psalm 30:5b - Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.**