

Judas is Remorseful
Matthew 27: 3-10

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Verse 3 - 4

What's going on with Judas?

Remorseful = “*metamellomai*” = to regret with no effective change of heart

Repent = “*metanoeo*” = to repent with regret accompanied by a true change of heart toward God

True repentance leads to a changed life!

What does Judas want?

Relief from his guilt

Judas' fatal mistake:

Judas confessed to the priests, not to God!

Judas felt bad, he wanted relief from his guilt and shame, *but he went to the wrong source!*

Judas did it his way, *not God's way!*

Could Judas have been forgiven?

YES! *If he went to God and genuinely repented!*

Verse 5

**Instead of repenting,
Judas hangs himself**

Judas, in a fit of despair, commits suicide and hangs himself

Did it end it all for Judas?

NO!

We are all eternal beings; we will all live forever

So many believe that death is the end of it all,
it is not!

Death of our bodies begins our eternal existence

We are all hurtling towards a destiny, ***most are
unaware! Most are simply lost!!***

Judas chose the wrong way!



Verse 6 - 8

The Potter's Field

These legalists consulted together to see what good they could do with the blood money

They purchased a potter's field, which became a public cemetery

Verse 9 - 10
Prophecy fulfilled

Matthew quotes Zechariah 11: 13 and applies it to Messiah:

“And the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter” - that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter.”

30 pieces of silver was the exact amount Judas agreed to betray Jesus

Judas threw the money into the house of the Lord, the Temple

Fulfilled prophecy separates Christianity from all world religions

CLOSING: Fulfilled Prophecy – *it's all true!*

The Bible is true!

Christianity is true!

***There is proof that you are
believing the Truth!***

Consider:

Daniel, whom many claim could not possibly have predicted, *with such accuracy*, the decline and ascent of the kingdom's future

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of The Latter Days



BABYLON
606-538 BC

"This image's head was of fine gold...
Thou art this head of gold."
(Daniel 2:32, 38).

PERSIA
538-331 BC

"...His breast and his arms of silver...
after thee shall arise another Kingdom
Interior to thee..." (Daniel 2:32, 39).

GREECE
331-63 BC

"...His belly and his thighs of brass...
another third Kingdom of brass,
which shall bear rule over all the
earth." (Daniel 2: 32, 39).

ROME
27 BC-
1453 AD

"His legs of Iron...And the
fourth Kingdom shall be strong
as Iron: for as much as Iron
breaketh in pieces and
subdueth all things.:
" (Daniel 2:33, 40).

DIVIDED
ROMAN EMPIRE
WRE 27 BC-476 AD
ERE 67 AD-1453 AD

" His feet part of Iron and part of
clay... partly strong and partly broken...
they shall not cleave one to another."
(Daniel 2:33, 41-43).

CHRIST'S
KINGDOM

"...A stone...smote the Image upon
his feet...(and) became a mountain,
and filled the whole earth... the God of heaven (shall) set up a Kingdom,
which shall never be destroyed..." (Daniel 2:34, 35, 44).





Consider:

Judas' betrayal of Jesus was predicted
John 13: 18

Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver as stated by Zechariah the prophet - Zechariah 11: 13

Judas threw the silver into the temple, just like Zechariah said he would

Coincidence?

NO, fulfilled prophecy!!

Consider:

What Jesus said about Peter's betrayal
Matthew 26: 34

“Assuredly I say to you this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.”

What happened that night?

Peter betrayed Jesus 3 times, just as Jesus said he would

Coincidence?

I think not – this is *fulfilled prophecy!!*

Roughly 1/3rd of the Bible is made up of prophecies

One calculation:

There are 332 Messianic prophecies from the Hebrew Bible fulfilled by Jesus

No other world religion has any fulfilled prophecies, **NONE!**

Consider:

Peter Stoner, *in Science Speaks*, demonstrates that coincidence is ruled out by the science of probability

Using modern science, in reference to 8 prophecies, we find that the chance that any man might have lived down to the present time and fulfilled all 8 prophecies is 1 in 10 to the 17th power

Stoner gives an illustration:

Fill the state of Texas knee deep with silver dollars. Included in this number is one silver dollar with a black check mark on it. Turn a blindfolded person loose in the sea of silver dollars. The odds that the first coin he would pick up would be the one with the black check mark are the same as 8 prophecies being fulfilled accidentally in the life of Jesus



48 prophecies would be 1 in 10 to the 157th power

**The number of electrons in the universe is around
10 to the 79th power**

Jesus is who He said He is – *GOD!*

***THE ONLY WAY!* – John 14: 6**

JESUS IS STILL THE ANSWER!

You can trust God's Word!

Hear Jesus, ***“Your Word is Truth”***

No one can deny how this
One Solitary Life
changed the world!

*I CANNOT DENY
HOW CHRIST HAS CHANGED ME!*

Hopefully, you feel the same way!