

MATTHEW 27 vs 1

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¹ When the morning came all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death / so, Matthew now tells us what happened that Good Wednesday morning:

² And when they bound Him, they led Him away, and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

³ Then Judas, who betrayed Him, when he saw that He was condemned,

he **regretted** what he did / the word is: **metamellomai**: meta = **change** + melo = **care** + mai = the middle voice, so for our personal benefit...this word has to do with what we **care about**. Judas cared about himself. Notice, it is not the word: **metanoeo** -- **change your thinking**. Judas, who obviously was pained by his treachery... realized what he had done, and probably even squalling and bawling; he regretted what he did,

and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

⁴ Saying, I have sinned; I have betrayed innocent blood.

And they said, What is that to us? you see to that / in other words: his religious confessors said, that's your problem!

⁵ And he threw the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself / just hours earlier, Jesus had said: better it had been for him, that he was not born.

⁶ And the chief priests took the silver pieces / they always take the money: silver, gold, euros, dollars, whatever treasure, check or credit card -- no problem,

and said, It is **not** lawful, to put them into the treasury / suddenly, as they're sweeping up the money, they are worried about the law; what is that all about?

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, to this day / at the time Matthew wrote, it still carried the name of Judas' treachery.



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⁹ **Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet / this verse of the prophecy by Zechariah** 500 years earlier, was located in one of the large scrolls labeled with the great prophet Jeremiah,

saying, **And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him who was valued, whom those children of Israel did value;**

¹⁰ **And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me /** we know, the Potter's field is where the marred and broken vessels were tossed; and isn't it interesting how everything associated with Jesus has profound meaning. The prophet is telling us: Jesus' life redeemed the discards and rejects of mankind. It is also interesting to note, which writer remembers what detail in the life of Christ. This event is recorded by Matthew, the tax collector; he knows to follow the money.

¹¹ **And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Are You the King of the Jews?**

And Jesus said to him, You said it / in other words: you said it right; you are speaking my language.

¹² **Yet when He was accused of the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing.**

¹³ **Then Pilate said to Him, Do you **not** hear how many things they witness against you? /** Don't you hear the massive case they are trying to build against you?

¹⁴ **And He answered him not a word so that the governor marveled greatly /** Jesus didn't say a peep; He just stood there; Pilate was astonished; he was perplexed. He was at a loss of words; he didn't know what to do... and Jesus is in the center of God's will, perfectly fulfilling God's plan.

¹⁵ **Now at that feast /** starting on the Day of the Passover, the first of 7 Days belonging to the Lord,

the governor was accustomed to release to the people a prisoner, whoever they wanted / who they requested; it was Pilate's practice to give clemency to one prisoner of the public choice.

¹⁶ **And at that time, they had a notable prisoner, called Barabbas /** his name means: **son of the father**; probably the popular Jesse James or Lucky Luciano of his day -- you know, the people's choice. Or, more likely it was a criminal patsy paid for by these religious leaders... who caused insurrection in order to destabilize the power of this weak roman governor... resulting in murder.

¹⁷ **So when they had gathered together, Pilate asked them, Who do you want that I release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ? /** the criminal or the Messiah.

¹⁸ **For Pilate knew **that for envy** /** for their bitter jealousy and resentment...

The chief priests had delivered Him.

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¹⁹ And while he sat on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, Have nothing to do with that just man / with that righteous man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of Him / she had a violent nightmare; apparently, the spirit world was busy working overtime... attempting to interfere in this crucifixion.

²⁰ But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask for Barabbas, and destroy Jesus / and things haven't changed much, have they?

²¹ The governor answered and said to them, Which of the two do you want that I release to you? Which one is your desire that I release?

They said, Barabbas.

²² Pilate said to them, Then what do I do with Jesus who is called Christ? The Messiah?

They all said to him, Crucify Him.

²³ And the governor said, Why, what evil has He done? But they cried out all the more, saying, **Crucify Him** / notice, Pilate began to talk back to the crowd: so he has started to lose control. the religious leaders said: **Kill him!** Execute him! Right now, murder him!

²⁴ When Pilate saw he could **not** prevail, but that rather an uprising was forming, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying,

I am innocent of the blood of this just man / this person is innocent: **You see to it yourselves.**

²⁵ Then answered all the people, and they said / whoever these people were,

His blood be on us, and on our children.

From that moment on, the Jewish leaders committed spiritual suicide, leading their people into a wilderness of spiritual insanity, over the next 40 years; until the city and the temple were finally destroyed; and then for the last 2000 years were pushed around throughout the nations for the treachery of their religious leaders.

Months later, in Acts 5... we already read: these same religious leaders accuse Peter saying, We command that you should not teach in this Name. And behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

Wow! Spiritual amnesia; spiritual hogwash! No! They were asking for it. And you know what? They are the leaders; God heard their prayer.

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