

Good If He Had Not
Been Born – Mt.26:24

Job 3:1-11

Matthew 26:...20-25

- Judas is right to despair.
- Lk.22:21-22

I. The Foolish Choice

John12

- Lazarus, 1-2
- Mary, 3
- Judas, 5-8, downhill slide
 - 4-5: disapproval
 - 4-5: deceit
 - 6: deceived (used to pilfer money). Jn.6
 - 6: disrespectful to Mary . . . Jesus
 - Jn.11:45, 47-48; 12:9-15
 - 6-8: disillusioned

Matthew 26:6-13

All must choose what to do with Jesus

- 26:14-16, **spy; betrays Jesus...** Lk.6:16; Mk.14:12. (Iscairiot: ish + Kerioth)
- 26:21-25, **stubborn...**
- 26:...46, **status: betrayer...**
- 26:47-50, **sign: kiss.**
 - 48: *betray with a kiss...* (Lk.22:48)
 - 50: (Mt.26:50) – “Friend, why have you come?”

Matthew 27:3-10

After going through with the plot...

- 3-4: why does Judas fall apart? What did he expect? (Lk.4; Jn.8; Jn.10)
- 3: money now means nothing to him?
- 4: Judas confesses to Jesus' enemies, 'I have sinned.'
- 5: threw away money he had coveted.
- 5: hanged himself.

Acts 1

Aftermath

- 18a: wages of iniquity
- 18b-19: falling headlong...burst open...Field of blood
- 25: Judas by transgression fell 'to go to his own place'

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II. The Fearful
Consequences

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 - If death ends his being, returns to nothing
 - Ac.1:25. Lk.16. Jn.17:12

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The end of Judas and Peter

Judas

Did not go to Jesus;
regretted

Fell because of greed

Final step in
downhill path

Peter

Sought mercy of
Jesus; Jn.21

Fell because of fear

Repented

Became fearless

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- Problem with worldly plans: they often succeed. Mt.16:26
- Jesus is gracious to Judas