



**Matthew 27:3-10**

- Matt. 27:3 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,
- Matt. 27:4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!"
- Matt. 27:5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.
- Matt. 27:6 But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood."
- Matt. 27:7 And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.
- Matt. 27:8 Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.
- Matt. 27:9 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced,
- Matt. 27:10 and gave them for the potter's field, as the LORD directed me."

## Observations & Discussion

1. The Bible records six different people who committed suicide. In the space below record what the Bible tells us about **where** each person went after they died: Note—this is a bit a trick question!

Judas (Acts 1:25)

Sampson (Judges 16:30-31)

Saul & his armor bearer (1Samuel 31:4-5)

Ahithophel (2Samuel 17:23)

Zimri (1Kings 16:18-20)

2. Based on your answers in question #1, can any of us be certain about the eternal destiny of a person who takes their own life?

How would your answers in questions #1 & 2 help you convince a friend that they should not take their own life?

Is suicide an unforgivable sin? What scripture would you use to support your view?

If you knew someone was contemplating suicide who should you tell and why?

3. Compare Jesus' promise to His followers in John 14:1-3 with Matthew 26:24, John 13:27 & Acts 1:25. Based on these four scriptures where do you think Judas will spend eternity—Heaven or Hell?

4. Before Jesus' arrest Judas was happy to sell out Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. But now we learn that he was desperate to rid himself of the money. Why do you think Judas was no longer happy with the money?

What does this teach you about Satan's temptations?

5. What does Judas' experience teach us about Satan's strategy and endgame for all of us? What is the warning that we should heed?