

## Jesus' Sorry Friends

Matthew 26:69-27:10

- **The Price of the Prophet** (Jer 19:1-13; Zech 11:12-13)—thirty pieces of silver, the blood of the innocent, the potter's field and the burial ground...
- **The rejection of Christ by the Jewish nation blessing the Gentiles...**
- **The pathological blindness of legalism...**
- **Peter's accent** ... a Christian who tries to cover his "accent" by cursing and swearing!

### I. JUDAS' SORRY END (27:3-10) — *Conviction of sin destroys the unrepentant.*

#### A. The Progression of Sin (Jas 1:14-15)—one sin leads to another

##### 1. Greed (Jn 12:6; 1 Tim 6:10; Col 3:5)—*love of money, idolatry*

###### a. **Embezzling from the Ministry**

###### b. **Despising Jesus**

##### 2. Hypocrisy (Jn 12:4-6, 13:28-29)—*double life*

###### a. **He looked good to others.**

###### b. **He hid his heart from everyone.**

##### 3. Betrayal (27:4)—*treachery, the greatest villainy in all of history.*

#### B. The Role of Satan (Lk 22:3-6; Jn 13:27)—**He can't act alone; he tempts and seduces**

##### 1. **The devil is real.** He is personal, evil, and actively involved in the destruction of souls

##### 2. **We are responsible.** Persistent, unrepentant sins opens the door for the devil.

#### C. The Despair of Remorse (2 Cor 7:10 )—**The sad end of one who experiences the conviction of sin without the grace of repentance**

II. **PETER'S SORRY BEGINNING** (26:58, 69-75) — *Until the experience of his own failure, Peter was not ready to be the great Apostle that he would later become.*

A. **The Collection of Sins**—Sins don't travel alone; they tend to *swarm*.

1. **Cowardly Desertion** (26:56; Rev 21:8; )—cowardice and a broken promise
2. **Disowning Jesus** (Mat 10:33)—public disloyalty
3. **Swearing Falsely** (Ex 20:7; Jas 5:12)—profanity and lying (4<sup>th</sup> Commandment)

B. **The Dangerous Set-up**—attitudes and actions that led to the big disaster

1. **Overconfident in Himself** (26:33,35; Prov 28:26; 1 Cor 10:12)—pride  
Overestimating your own strength is a weakness that Satan is delighted to exploit.
2. **Neglect of Prayer** (26:41)—lack of spiritual discipline and preparation
3. **Following at a Distance** (26:58)—compromised, half-hearted devotion
4. **Sitting with the Scoffers** (Ps 1:1; 1 Cor 15:33)—trying to blend in with the world in order to escape persecution for associating with Jesus

C. **The Piercing Sorrow** (Ps 51:17; Mat 5:3-4; 26:75; 2 Cor 7:10; Heb 12:5-6, 10)—**brokenhearted mourning over sin**

D. **The Sanctification** (Prov 24:16; Rom 8:28; Heb 12:5-6, 10)—**God can even use our sin**

1. **Humiliation of Pride** (Prov 3:34; 1 Pet 5:5-6)
2. **Gratitude for Grace** (Lk 7:47)
3. **Sympathy for Others** (Heb 2:17-18)—gentleness and patience

A true child of God might sin greatly, but the conviction of sin is met with true, godly sorrow and results, not in death and destruction, but in repentance and sanctification.