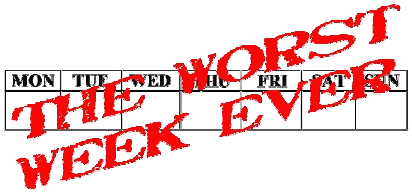

THE WORST REGRET EVER

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Matthew 27:1-10

[1] Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death. [2] They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor. [3] When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. [4] "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility." [5] So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself. [6] The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money." [7] So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. [8] That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. [9] Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the people of Israel, [10] and they used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Discussion Questions

What do you think of when you hear the word 'regret'?
Is it ever a good memory?

Why did Judas feel remorse now, only after he saw Jesus condemned?
Why do you think he tried to return the coins?
What do you make of his confession?

Is the response of the chief priests and elders reasonable?
Why or why not?

Imagining you never read or heard this story before, are you shocked that Judas hanged himself?

Why did Judas end up this way?
Did it have to end this way with him?

What is God telling you through this story?