

June 11

A Remorseful Judas Doesn't Make Amends

Yahweh said to me, "Throw it to the potter, the handsome price that I was valued at by them!" I took the thirty pieces of silver, and threw them to the potter, in the house of Yahweh – Zechariah 11:13

[Matthew 27:3-10, Jerusalem, Thursday] Then Judas, who betrayed him, when he saw that Jesus was condemned, felt remorse, and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned in that I betrayed innocent blood."

But they said, "What is that to us? You see to it."

He threw down the pieces of silver in the sanctuary, and departed. He went away and hanged himself and falling headlong, his body burst open, and all his intestines gushed out. The chief priests took the pieces of silver, and said, "It's not lawful to put them into the

treasury, since it is the price of blood." They took counsel, and bought the potter's field with them, to bury strangers in. Therefore that field was called 'Akeldama,' that is, "The Field of Blood" to this day. Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying,

"They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him upon whom a price had been set,

whom some of the children of Israel priced,

and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me. [Zechariah 11:12-13, Jeremiah 19:1-13 and 32:6-9]" [Acts 1:18-19]

1. When have you felt remorse? How did you make amends? How did Judas? Did it work?
2. Why is this quote paraphrased and attributed to Jeremiah? Could Jeremiah have said it?
3. Jesus, Judas had a chance to turn from his plans and a chance to make amends; likewise, I...