

**CAN ONE ACKNOWLEDGE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS,
ADMIT SIN, FEEL REMORSE AND NOT BE SAVED?**

JUDAS: REPENTANT OR REMORSEFUL

Matthew 27:1-10

- I. THOSE ON THEIR WAY TO HELL CAN AND DO FEEL GENUINE REMORSE FOR THEIR SIN AT TIMES: Judas seeing Jesus condemned, regretted his actions, attempted to relieve his guilt by returning the blood money. (1-4a)**
 - A. In the morning, the religious leaders officially condemn Jesus to death and deliver Him up to Pilate (1-2)

 - B. Seeing the consequences of his actions, Judas feels remorse for his sin and tries ease his guilt by returning the blood money (3-4a)

- II. THOSE ON THEIR WAY TO HELL CAN BELIEVE TRUTH CONCERNING JESUS: In his worldly sorrow Judas proclaims Jesus' innocence (4a)**

- III. THOSE ON THEIR WAY TO HELL TRY, BUT CANNOT RELIEVE THEIR OWN SIN GUILT: Judas continues to try to relieve his guilt by hanging himself (4b-5)**
 - A. The wicked leaders have no concern for Jesus' innocence or relieving Judas' sin guilt (4b)

 - B. Judas responds by throwing the blood money into the sanctuary, leaving, then hanging himself (5)

- IV. ALTHOUGH GOD DID NOT CAUSE IT, EVEN JUDAS' EVIL WICKEDNESS WAS IN FULFILLMENT OF SCRIPTURE: The hypocritical religious leaders respond by using the returned blood money to buy a burial field, thus fulfilling Scripture (6-10)**