

The Guilt Trip

Matthew 27:1-10

B.L.E.S.S. QUESTIONS

What did you do this week to reach out to others?

B—Begin to Pray. Did you pray for your 10 Most Wanted List?

L—Listen to an unbeliever by engaging them in conversation?

E—Eat a meal with an unbeliever?

S—Serve an unbeliever in some way?

S—Story. Tell your story (testimony) or His story (the saving message of eternal life)?

ICE BREAKER

- Let's have a little fun as we stroll down memory lane. Can you recall a time when you were a child when you suffered great guilt? You did something wrong and felt the dread that you would get caught. Perhaps you confessed your crime.

DIGGING DEEPER

- Was any part of the sermon unclear?
- What stood out to you from the message?
- Matthew references Zechariah 11:7-13 but attributes the prophecy to Jeremiah, which has similarities to Jeremiah 19:1-11. This passage describes a site where Israelites sacrificed their children, leading to God's judgment—fulfilled when Romans conquered in 70 AD. The theme in both passages is clear: rejecting the Shepherd leads to destruction.
 - Matthew 27:5 says Judas hanged himself, while Acts 1:18-19 describes his death differently. How do we reconcile these accounts?
 - Does suicide condemn a person to hell?

TAKING IT HOME

- What is the right way to deal with guilt?

PRAYER

- What prayer requests might you have?
- Pray for God to protect the innocent, especially the preborn innocents.