

You Cannot Remove Your Guilt!

Matthew 26-27

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Introduction:

- Happy Palm Sunday to you and your family!
 - Popular thinking – *“If my good outweighs my bad, then I will make it into Heaven, if there is one.”*
 - The fact is – You Cannot Remove Your Guilt.
 - Define two words:
 - REMOVE ... Putting an issue behind you as if it never happened.
 - FORGIVENESS ... When you have truly repented and have asked God to forgive you of what you have admittedly done wrong, only God can offer FORGIVENESS and therefore, truly REMOVE your guilt.
 - **1st John 1:9**
 - Greek – Paradidomi (Para-Did-O-Me) ... English – Betray ... *“To violate a faith or a trust that someone has placed in you.”*
 - Greek – Epago (E-Pa-Go) ... English – Guilt ... *“Deep brokenness because of an act of evil or wrongdoing against God or the innocent.”*
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1. Acts of Betrayal:

- a. Betrayal goes deeper than just wronging someone.
 - i. Robert the Bruce betrays William Wallace.
 - ii. Marcus Brutus betrays Julius Caesar.
- b. **Matthew 26:3-4**
- c. **Matthew 26:14-16** – Judas betrays Jesus.
- d. **Matthew 26:31-35**
- e. **Matthew 26:34** – Peter betrays Jesus.
- f. **Matthew 26:74**
- g. **Matthew 26:56** ... All the disciples betray Jesus.
- h. We would never want to see ourselves doing what they did. Never!
- i. If you have not responded to the Terms of Pardon, then you are still opposed to Jesus.
- j. **Matthew 12:30**
- k. **John 14:15**
- l. Those who have responded to the Terms of Pardon get frustrated when we hear of the disciples betraying Jesus.
- m. But we also betray Jesus for things of little to no value at all.



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- n. Three things we can look at to examine:
 - i. Worship –
 - ii. Lifestyle –
 - iii. Language –
- o. There are many things we do to deny Jesus and betray Him, as well.

2. Consequences of Betrayal:

- a. **Matthew 27:3-4**
- b. Greek – Metamelomai (*Meta-Mello-My*) ... English – Remorse ... “*To change your mind.*”
- c. **Matthew 27:4**
- d. We cannot deal with the real consequence of guilt.
- e. **Luke 22:60-62** – Remember Peter?
- f. Greek – Pikros (*Peek-Rose*) ... English – Bitterly ... “*With deep mental and emotional anguish ... broken.*”

3. Indescribable Love:

- a. **Romans 5:8**
- b. Words from *Via Dolorosa* – by Sandy Patty
- c. Where is your guilt today?

