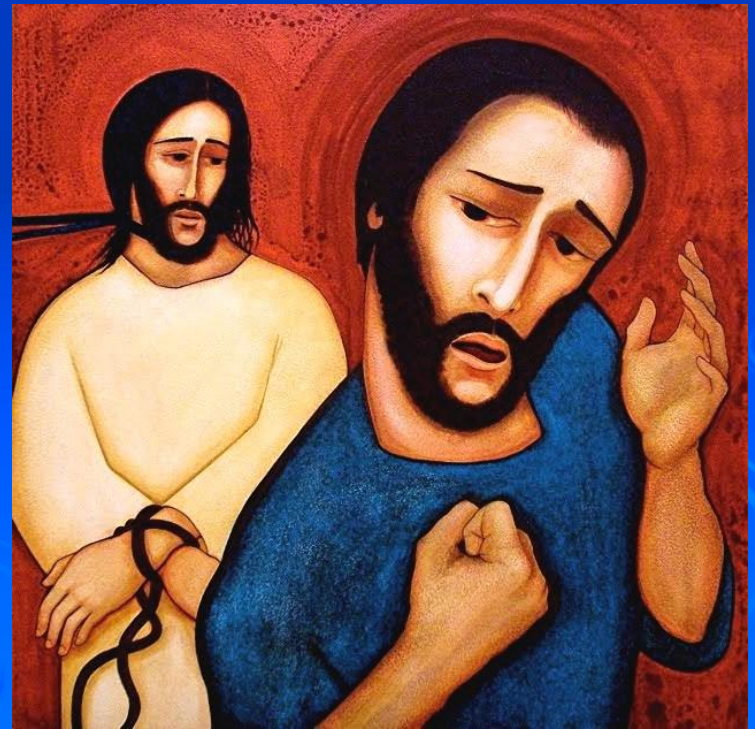


FAITH FLEES

- A mixed group of Jewish religious leadership meets to convict Christ
- Yeshua affirms that He is the Messiah and Son of God
- The Sanhedrin could pronounce the death sentence but not carry it out
- Peter, in an escalating level of conviction, denied Jesus 3 times
- Matthew 26:31



THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE IS JUDGED

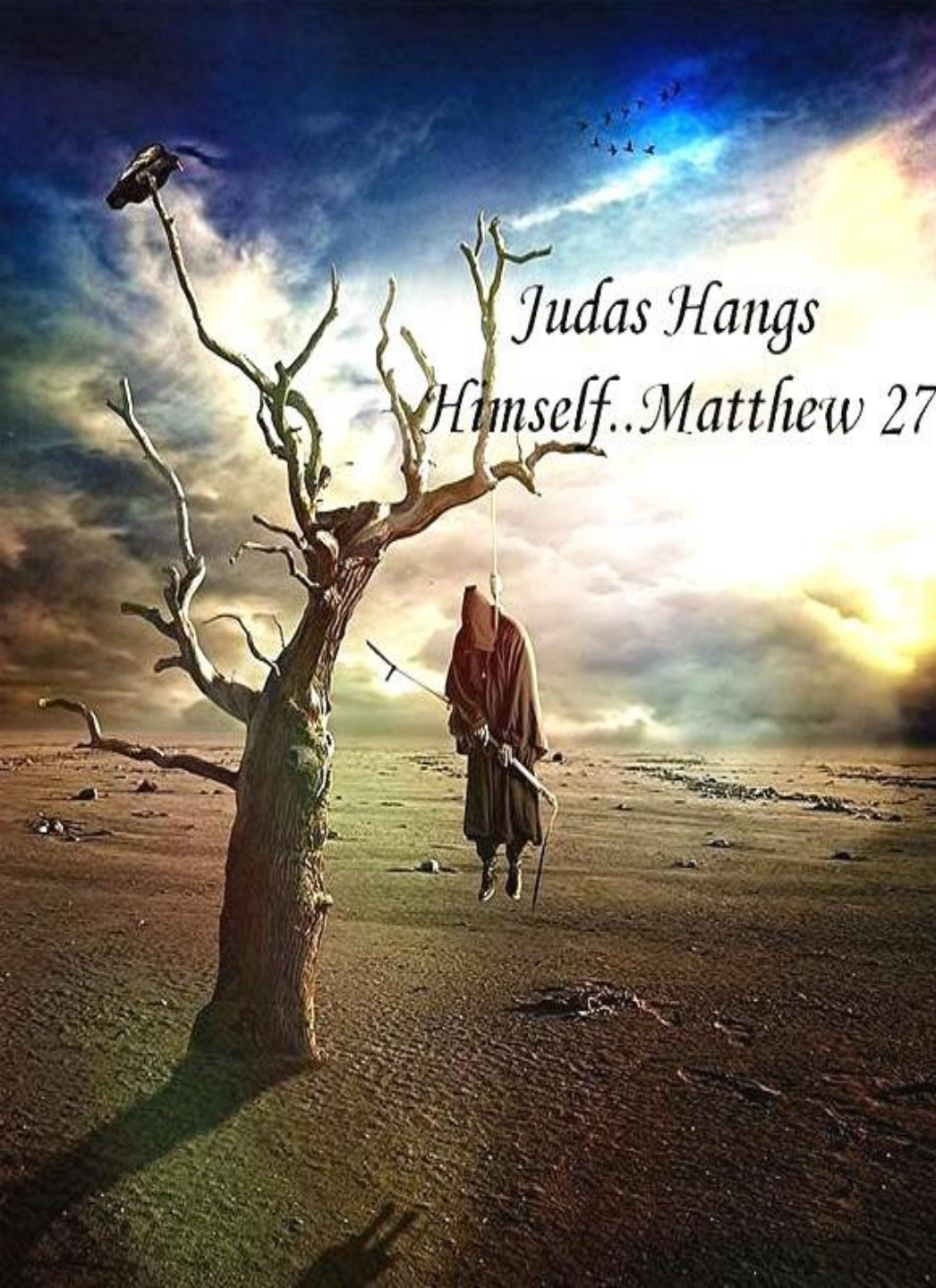


- Matthew 27 is a chapter of ironies
- Not a 2nd trial, but rather a 2nd meeting with the full Sanhedrin
- The issue was HOW to get Yeshua executed at the hands of the Romans, without the Sanhedrin taking any blame
- Matthew 20:18 – 19 is Jesus's prophecy fulfilled

WHO IS PONTIUS PILATE ?

- A Roman prefect that ruled over Judea, Idumea, and Samaria 26 – 36 A.D.
- He hated the Jews and tried to aggravate them in order to punish them
- Took money from the Temple, killed Galileans at the Altar, erected images
- Ordered the crucifixion of countless Jews because it was horrible and humiliating



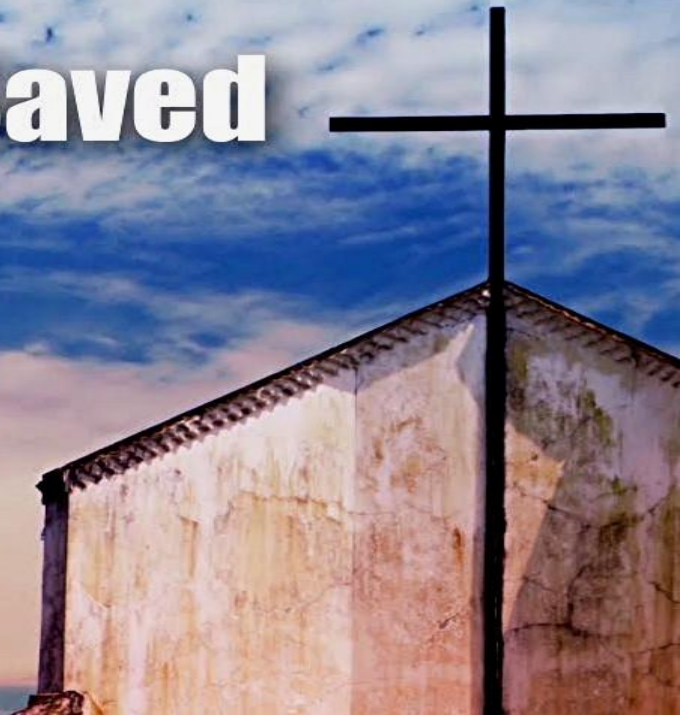


*Judas Hangs
Himself..Matthew 27*

- Like Peter, Judas had a bout of guilt and regret
- Judas tried to return the money, but the Priests refused it
- Acts 1:15 – 19
- Luke in Acts says that Judas was “one of us”
- Regret is not repentance
- Matt. 26:24 WOE!
- Yeshua did not damn the other 11 disciples

Once Saved Always Saved

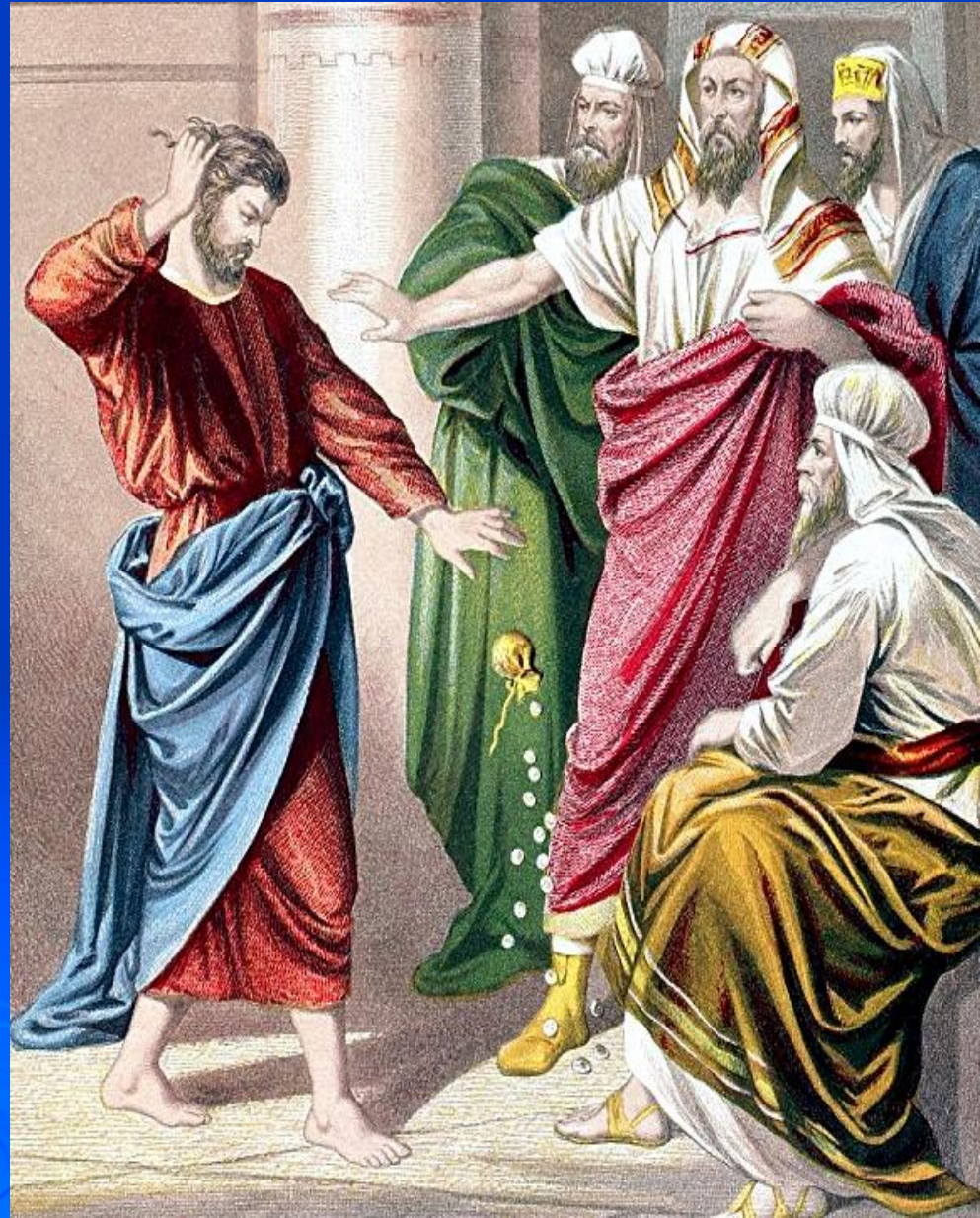
False Teaching



- For the other 11 disciples it is a story of faith lost and regained, and thus salvation reclaimed
- There are no such things as “Pretenders” in the Bible
- With proper repentance and sincerity, we can be accepted back into the Kingdom Ezek. 18:21
- Repentance means to turn... to a righteous life as defined by God, and not by the current world order

BLOOD MONEY

- A bribe that leads to the death of an innocent
- Deut. 27:25
- The coins are used to buy a field from a potter
- **Xenos** = stranger, guest
- Field of Blood likely a cemetery for gentiles
- Zech. 11:11 – 15
- **Y'hudah** = Judah
- No known Hebrew name of Judas
- Occam's Razor = the simplest solution is usually the best one





- Pilate not concerned with a charge of “blasphemy”
- The Priesthood had no interest in a Messiah, because that would mean rebellion against Rome, something counterproductive against their lucrative positions
- Jesus affirms that He is “King of the Jews”. For Pilate this is sedition
- Christ refuses to defend Himself

SON OF THE FATHER

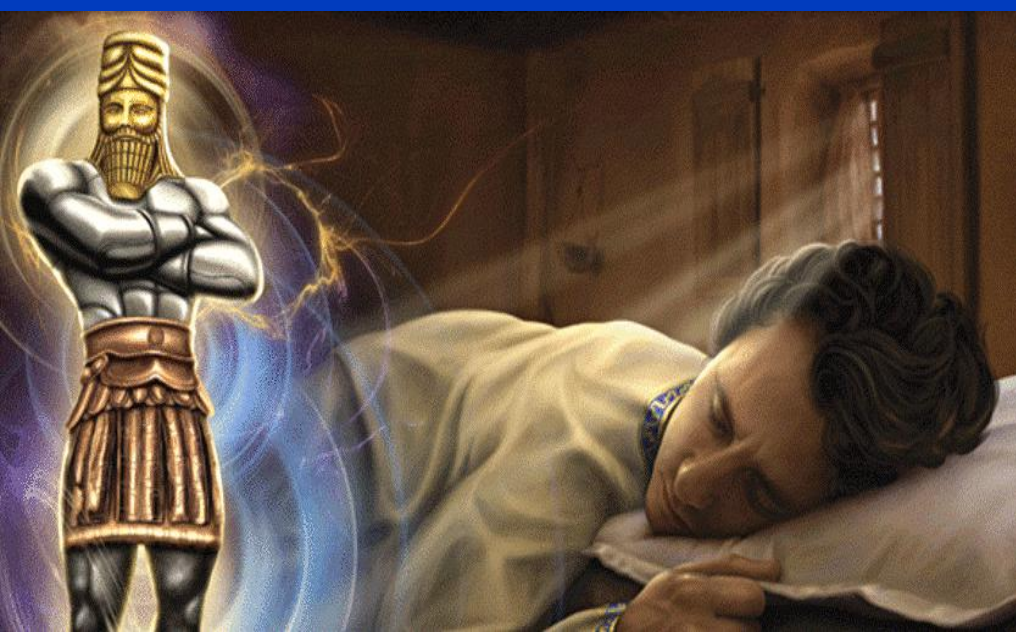


- Barabbas a rebel and murderer
- Yeshua 2nd most popular name used at that time
- Barabbas ~~with 's'~~ No "s"
- Bar = son
- Abba = father
- Early Greek fragments says his name was Yeshua Bar-Abba
- We have TWO "Yeshua son of the father" in the story!



THE DREAMS OF GENTILES

- Pilate's wife warns him of a dream she had
- God regularly uses pagan gentiles to communicate to via dreams
- D.J. Harrington: “*The gentile woman's insight contrasts with the spiritual obtuseness of the chief priests and elders*”



PILATE GIVES IN TO THE MOB

- The crowd has no answer for what Christ's crime is
- The hand washing is a worthless declaration of innocence
- The crowd accepts that Yeshua's blood is on them, and on their children
- This is where the doctrine of the Jews as Christ Killers was born



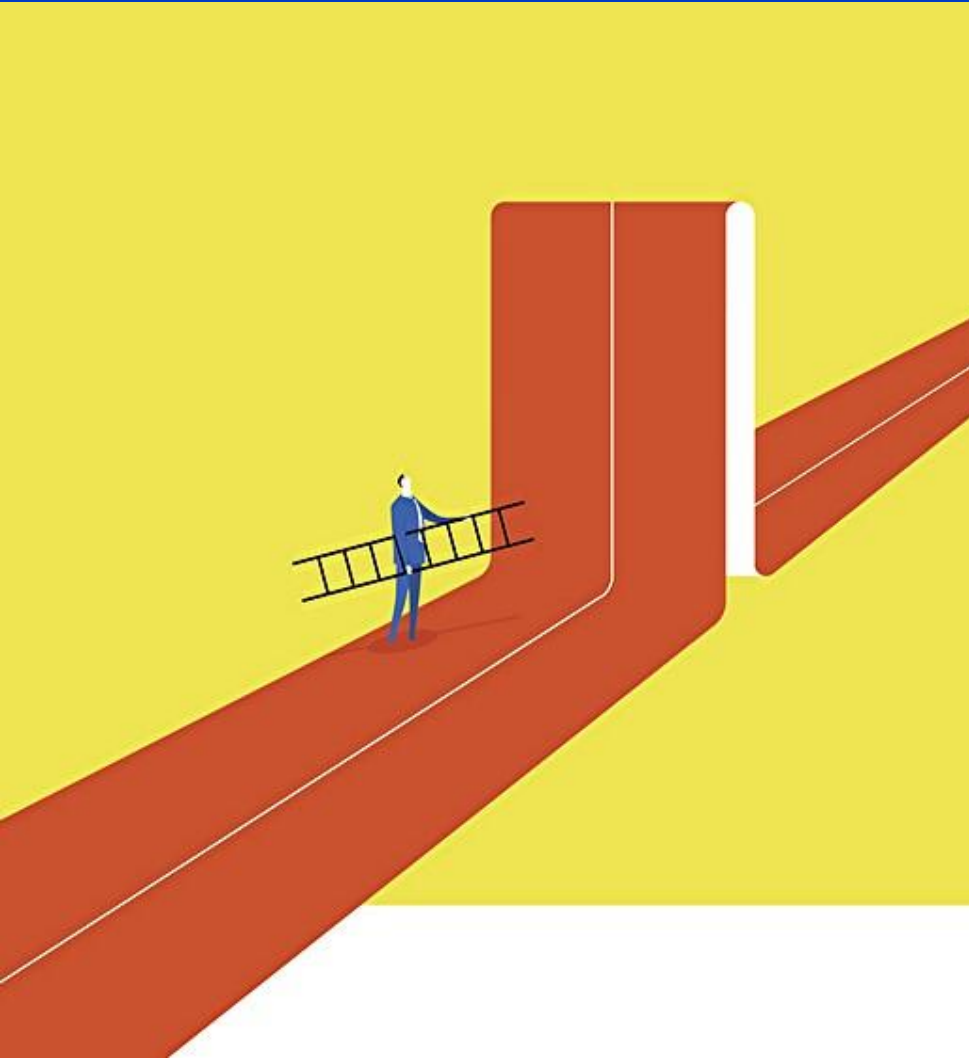
Generational Curses

IS GOD REALLY FAIR?



- The individual Jews in the crowd were not representative of all Jews, any more than Pilate was representative of all gentiles
- Ezek. 18:4, 20
- Parents can set into motion consequences that will affect offspring and generations that come after them
- The result of Adam's sin is that we all die, even though we weren't there in the Garden of Eden, and it wasn't our sin

THERE ARE NO FIREWALLS IN FAMILY LIFE



- We give these handed-down problems names and psychological terms
- How much better it would have been for all future Jews if the crowd refused to agree with Pilate
- The curse the crowd put on itself has unfairly affected millions of Jews who came later
- Parents: the curse you place upon yourself for your sins will likely carry over to your children