



THE GOSPEL OF  
MATTHEW



# THE BEST & WORST DISCIPLES

Matthew 26:69–75, 27:3–10



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- #1 | The Crushed**
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# #1 | THE CRUSHED

Matthew 26:69–75



<sup>69</sup> Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” <sup>70</sup> But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.”



**71** And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

**72** And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.”



<sup>73</sup> After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” <sup>74</sup> Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed.



**75** And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.



**34** Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”



**12** Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. **13** No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.



# #1 | THE CRUSHED

Matthew 26:69–75



## **THE CRUSHED**

**Peter, convinced of his loyalty to Jesus,  
completely disowns Him.**

**When he realizes what he's done,  
he is crushed.**



## #2 | THE CONSUMED

Matthew 27:3–5



<sup>3</sup> Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, <sup>4</sup> saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.”



<sup>5</sup> And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.



25 “‘Cursed be anyone who takes a bribe to shed innocent blood.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’”



**18** The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, **19** then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother. So, you shall purge the evil from your midst.



<sup>1</sup> Moreover, Ahithophel said to Absalom, “Let me choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and **pursue David tonight.** <sup>2</sup> I will come upon him **while he is weary and discouraged** and throw him into a panic, and all the people who are with him **will flee.**



I will **strike down only the king,**

<sup>3</sup> and I will **bring all the people back** to you as a bride comes home to her husband.

You **seek the life of only one man,** and all the people will be at peace.”



**23** When Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his donkey and went off home to his own city. He set his house in order and **hanged himself**, and he died and was buried in the tomb of his father.



<sup>21</sup> And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, **one of you will betray me.**”

<sup>24</sup> The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but **woe to that man** by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

Jesus' Prediction		Fulfilment	
<b>26:31</b>	You will all <b>fall away</b> because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of <b>the flock will be scattered</b>	<b>26:56</b>	Then all the disciples <b>left him. . .</b>  ... and <b>fled.</b>
<b>26:34</b>	Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will <b>deny me three times.</b>	<b>26:70</b>	<b>I don't know</b> what you're talking about
		<b>26:72</b>	<b>I don't know</b> the man!
		<b>26:74</b>	<b>I don't know</b> the man!!
<b>26:21</b>	Truly, I say to you, <b>one of you will betray me.</b>	<b>27:3</b>	Judas, <b>the one betraying him.</b>
<b>26:24</b>	<b>Woe to that man</b> ... for whom it would have been better not to have been born.	<b>27:5</b>	<b>He hanged himself.</b>



**15** Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!  
For you travel across sea and land to make a  
single proselyte, and when he becomes a  
proselyte, you make him twice as much  
**a child of hell** as yourselves.



<sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them **has been lost** except **the son of destruction**, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.



## #2 | THE CONSUMED

Matthew 27:3–5



## **THE CONSUMED**

**Judas, convinced of his view of Messiah, betrays  
Jesus for a few months' wages.**

**When he realizes what he's done,  
he is consumed.**



- 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



# #3 | THE CONCEITED

Matthew 27:6–10



<sup>6</sup> But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.” <sup>7</sup> So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. <sup>8</sup> Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.



9 Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, <sup>10</sup> and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me.”



<sup>18</sup> You shall not bring **the fee** of a prostitute or **the wages** of a dog into the house of the Lord your God in payment for any vow, for both of these are an abomination to the Lord your God.



**25** “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!  
For **you clean the outside** of the cup and the plate,  
**but inside** they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

**26** You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup  
and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.



<sup>12</sup> Then I said to them, “If it seems good to you, **give me my wages**; but if not, keep them.”  
And they weighed out as my wages **thirty pieces of silver.**



<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord said to me,

**“Throw it to the potter”**—the lordly price at which I was priced by them.

So I took the **thirty pieces of silver** and **threw them into the house of the Lord, to the potter.**



<sup>1</sup> Thus says the Lord, “Go, **buy a potter's** earthenware flask, and take some of the elders of the people and some of the elders of the priests,  
<sup>2</sup> and go out to the **Valley of the Son of Hinnom** at the entry of the Potsherd Gate, and proclaim there the words that I tell you.



<sup>3</sup> You shall say, ‘Hear the word of the Lord, O kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I am bringing such disaster upon this place that the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle



<sup>4</sup> Because the people **have forsaken me** and have **profaned this place** by making offerings in it to other gods whom neither they nor their fathers nor the kings of Judah have known; and because they have filled this place with **the blood of innocents.**



# #3 | THE CONCEITED

Matthew 27:6–10



## **THE CONCEITED**

**The Jewish Leaders, convinced of their superiority to Jesus, condemn him to death.**

**When they're confronted with what they've done, they are conceited.**



# #4 | THE CHALLENGE



3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

<b>Jesus' Prediction</b>	<b>Fulfilment</b>		
<b>26:32</b>	But after I am raised, I will go before you to Galilee.	...	...



# #4 | THE CHALLENGE



## THE CHALLENGE

**When you sin, don't be conceited or consumed.**

**Allow it to crush you—to break you—and then  
confess it and receive forgiveness.**



# CONCLUDING CHALLENGE

**The Best Disciples know they're the just the Worst Disciples who've been forgiven.**



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