

Sermon Notes

"In my Father's house are many mansions."

Matthew 27:3-5 - ³ When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

⁴ He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

⁵ Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself.

Over 90% of people who die by suicide have a mental illness at the time of their death.

Untreated mental illness including depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and others is the cause for the vast majority of suicides.

Untreated depression is the number one cause for suicide.

In Oklahoma, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for ages 10-34, the 4th leading cause of death for ages 35-44, the 5th leading cause of death for ages 45-54, the 8th leading cause of death for ages 55-64, and the 8th leading cause of death overall.

More than twice as many people die of suicide than by homicide annually in Oklahoma.

Men die by suicide 3.53 times more often than women.

The suicide rate is highest in middle age, and 7 of 10 suicides in 2016 were white males.

Suicide is NEVER the answer. Getting help is the answer.

Suicide is a sin, but our God is a God of compassion.

The worst thing is never the last thing.

How did Jesus minister to grieving people?

John 11:21-27 - ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

How does Jesus give us hope through his promise of resurrection?

John 14:1-7 - "Do not let your hearts be troubled. **Believe in God, believe also in me.** ² **In my Father's house there are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?** ³ **And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.** ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

John 14:18-19 - ¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ "In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; **because I live, you also will live.**"

John 14:22-23 - ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

John 14:25-29 - ²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ **But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.** ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ **And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.**"

Things I would like to remember from today's sermon: _____

